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## PROCLAMATION SIGNING

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios are joined by supporters, advocates, elected leaders, and community partners at the roundhouse of the San Vicente Youth Center after the proclamation signing of April as CNMI Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Awareness Month yesterday morning.

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# Rabauliman resigns as DOC chief

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**M**ark O. Rabauliman resigned last week as Commerce secretary and is now serving as director of Economic Development within the Department of Commerce, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.



Rabauliman

Press secretary Kevin Bautista confirmed that Rabauliman resigned as Commerce secretary effective March 28, 2021, and that he is now the director of Economic Development.

Bautista said Edward To-fila Deleon Guerrero is acting Commerce secretary.

In a letter to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Bautista said, Rabauliman thanked Torres and Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios for the opportunity to

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## IPI pays \$164K on time

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's first settlement payment to the U.S. Department of Labor amounting to \$164,270.08 was timely paid last April 1, according to IPI lawyer Michael Dotts.

In the 12th status report filed in the U.S. District Court

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## AT A GLANCE

As of 5pm, April 6, 2021

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	7,823	2	7,825
Recovered	7,656	5	7,661
Active	26	2	28
Deaths	136	0	136
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested	143,184		

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	159	0	159
Traced via Travel Screening	123	0	123
Traced via Community Screening	36	0	36
Deaths	2	0	2
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested	26,131*		
Days since last community transmission	21		

### VACCINATIONS IN THE CNMI

Saipan:	Tinian:	Rota:
Dose 1: 15,947	Dose 1: 953	Dose 1: 944
Dose 2: 11,459	Dose 2: 658	Dose 2: 735

\*Total count includes the number of persons tested on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. With guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CHCC has opted not to report active and recovered cases.

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

## Proposed budget: \$144.84M

- » \$98.89M net resources for appropriation
- » With availability of ARPA funding, MVA encouraged to create outdoor events for the community as well
- » Finance secretary compiling CNMI's proposed American Rescue Plan Act's spending plan to be submitted to US Treasury for review

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' proposed budget for next fiscal year identifies a gross

budget of \$144.84 million, with only over \$98 million left for appropriation after deducting debt service payments and NMI Settlement

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## Lee Pan wants to be next Saipan mayor

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interested to run as Saipan mayor in the November 2022 general elections.

Joseph Lee Pan Tenorio Guerrero (R-Saipan), who is now on his fourth term as a House representative for Precinct 1, wants to be the next Saipan mayor.



Guerrero

Guerrero confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that he is indeed

Guerrero, who has never been defeated in the race for the House of Representatives, said his primary reason for his run as mayor is to continue Mayor David M. Apatang's legacy of community service on Saipan.

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Businesses still want masks on, even as some states have already dropped mask mandates.

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A prayer vigil is held outside the New York hospital where rapper DMX remains on life support.

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# Local

## Lopez is awarded scholarship

Eloise Rose Lopez, who worked under the Division of Environmental Quality Laboratory at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, was recently awarded

the Sherry Reed Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship in Marine Conservation.

Lopez, who participated in the Division of Coastal Re-

sources Management Summer Internship, collected and analyzed marine and drinking waters here in the CNMI.

The news about the scholar-

ship award, which was posted on the Facebook page of the Women Divers Hall of Fame, did not indicate the dollar amount of the scholarship, aside from saying that the Sherry Reed Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship in Marine Conservation is sponsored by family and friends of Women Divers Hall of Fame member Sherry Reed.



Lopez

Lopez is currently doing a yearlong internship with the Bureau of Environmental Coastal Quality as a shoreline monitor intern, where she studies the states of how the CNMI's shorelines are in order to better inform coastal planning to determine if CNMI shores are decreasing or increasing from the way they are now. (PR)

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### 4.6-magnitude quake on Saipan

At 8:09am yesterday, April 6, 2021, a report of a 4.6-magnitude earthquake occurred 69 kilometers east-southeast of Saipan in the Northern Marianas Islands. Currently, there are no tsunami warnings or advisories that were issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center.. (PR)

### Federal contracting webinars

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center is offering free live webinars in April. Webinars run from 10am to 11:30am and will be conducted via Zoom. Links to the

live webinar and the webinar evaluation will be emailed to all registered attendees 15 minutes before the start of the webinar.

■ **April 8 – Federal contract opportunities** – The federal government lists their opportunities at Beta.sam.gov. We will show you how to set up an account and how to use the search filters to ensure you do not miss any opportunities.

■ **April 15 – Marketing to the federal government** – The government buys products and services differently than the private sector. The Guam PTAC will discuss marketing strategies, essen-

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## 'Pfizer vaccine still highly effective after 6 months'

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña says a

### April is child abuse and neglect prevention month

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Community partners, advocates, elected leaders, and government representatives converged at the San Vicente Youth Center yesterday morning for a proclamation signing that designated April as CNMI Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Awareness Month.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who signed the proclamation, pointed out that many proclamations are made throughout the year, yet it was yesterday's event "that really gets all of us. I think growing up we always say that children are our future. But how do we protect them?"

Torres then cited the second line in the proclamation, which read, "...every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, secured, and protected from all types of abuse and neglect to include verbal, emotional, physical and sexual abuse, exploitation and neglect. It is the responsibility of our society to protect and promote every child's rights."

Torres also credited Division of Youth Services administrator Vivian T. Sablan and all DYS staff for the hard work they've done throughout the years.

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios also shared his appreciation, saying, "I thank you DYS, and the folks at [the Department of Public Safety] for responding to these very difficult situations whenever you get a call at any time of day. Continue to advocate for the protection and nurturing of our children. They are our future."

Sablan herself recognized DYS staff for working day in

recent study of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine being highly effective after six months of taking the second dose of the vaccine is promising.

and day out, responding on a 24-hour basis on all three islands. "The front-liners go out there, go out into the homes. Even when the pandemic hit and we had austerity, we stayed open, we still had a 24-7 shelter and maintained operations. It was all for the protection of our children."

Miss Northern Marianas Earth Maria Terlaje, who gave the closing remarks, said, "To DYS workers and volunteers, those who are also at the front-lines of these matters, your job is the hardest job in the world. A job that is never easy. But with your service, many children are able to smile and laugh, go to school and be educated, and create a future full of aspirations. These are the people that give our children love and strength where there is none. We give gratitude for you all."

Terlaje also thanked the hardworking staff of Child Protective Services and reminded the community that children are truly our future and that they will create a more prosperous world. "Let's help one another. Let's continue to spread love to our children so that they can grow up to manifest that love to children around them," she said.

Aside from Torres, Palacios, Sablan, and Terlaje, also attending the proclamation signing were first lady Diann T. Torres, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero, Gherald Castro of Chacha Oceanview Middle School, Joann Garcia of Dandan Middle School, and multiple elected leaders and community partners.

### CDC lowers Guam's risk to Level 2

**HAGÂTÑA, Guam**—Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Gov. Josh Tenorio issued the following statements regarding the downgrade in travel risk to Level 2 from the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention:

"We welcome the latest designation from the CDC, which recognizes the efforts by our people to change the course of our battle with this global pandemic. This downgrade communicates to the nation—and the rest of the world—that we are taking charge and taking control of the virus. More importantly, it paves the way for reopening Guam and re-energizing not just tourism, but our economy," said Leon Guerrero.

Tenorio said, "As of today, over 32,000 of our people are

fully vaccinated. This means we are that much closer to our Path to Half and ultimately, our goal of achieving herd immunity—liberating our island from this deadly virus and rebuilding a stronger, healthier Guam."

Leon Guerrero added, "While this pandemic has forced us apart, it could not break our spirit. Together, the people of Guam have demonstrated their willingness to do what is necessary to protect one another, including wearing masks, washing hands, and watching their distance. With COVID-19 vaccines readily available to all adults, and those 16 and over, we look forward to more progress—and an even lower risk designation—from the CDC very soon." (PR)

In a text interview with Muña, she agrees that it is encouraging that more people are getting vaccinated, knowing that the vaccine will still be effective six months after getting the second dose.

In light of this news, Muña says more data will become available with more individuals getting vaccinated.

"The data shows how effective the vaccines are and results are being confirmed. We anticipate learning more about the other vaccines as they become available, [but] we should be mindful that this is being released due to more

confirmed data," said Muña.

According to several media sources, Pfizer/BioNTech said the ongoing phase 3 clinical trial of the vaccine confirms that its protection remains high for at least six months after the second dose.

In addition, vaccine experts say the vaccine protection will likely last even longer than that, but as of now, the data is showing it provides good protection six months after people are vaccinated.

News sources quote Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, as

saying that only time will tell if the vaccines will be effective longer than six months but

those who have been vaccinated will know that the vaccine is there at least six months.

## Scheduled water service interruptions

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the public that there will be a scheduled water service interruption on Saturday, April 10, 2021, from 8:30am to 4:30pm for customers in the areas of As Matuis, San Roque, Achugao and Tanapag.

The scheduled water service interruption is due to the isolation of the water main for CUC operators to repair a leak on a 2-inch galvanized waterline located near the San Roque Shell Gas Station. Wa-

ter service to the affected areas will resume soon after with the following scheduled water hours:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 6am to 6pm

■ Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday: 24-hour water service

For the safety of the men and women at the jobsite, CUC advises motorists to exercise caution or take alternative routes as the northbound outer lane will be closed during the waterline repairs. (PR)



The Division of Coastal Resources Management is looking for 15 CNMI-based college students or college-bound high school graduates with an interest in learning more about coral reef and coastal zone management. Our summer interns work 20 hours a week for 10 weeks from June to August and are paid \$10.00 per hour.

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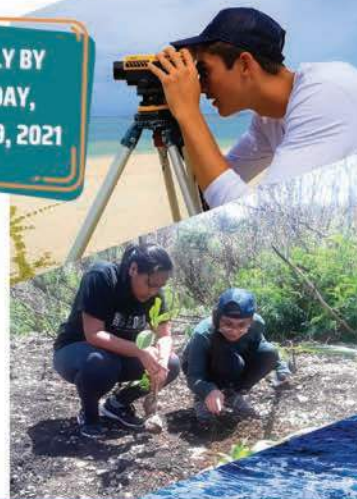
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## BUDGET

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Fund obligations.

In his proposed budget for fiscal year 2022 that Torres submitted to the Legislature last Thursday, he said the gross operating resource for the year is estimated at \$144,848,801, but minus \$45,951,500 for debt service payments for the 2007 series bonds and annual obligations to the NMI Settlement Fund, this brings the net resources available for general appropriation to just \$98,897,301.

Still, this \$98.9 million is an increase of 2.5% compared to the net resources available in the fiscal year 2021 budget, Public Law 21-35, due largely to the reduction in pension payments, according to the Department of Finance.

Torres also submitted to the Legislature a separate “Volume IV” that is created specifically for the provision of government services in fiscal year 2022.

Torres said it is unknown to what extent the economic impacts of the pandemic will be unless the CNMI begins with bold steps that focus a commitment to safely reopen schools, ease restrictions on commercial and recreational activities, and welcoming back visitors to the islands.

“The arrival of the [COVID-19] vaccine is a giant step to protect our community by encouraging them to be inoculated for the safety of their families and our community as a whole,” the governor said in his letter to Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and House Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan).

He said the budgetary gross adjustment reflects the inclusion of the allocation to the Settlement amounting to \$39 million or 27%.

Torres said their approach in the development of this budget is to satisfy the mandates of House Legislative Initiative 18-12 and continue to maintain funding in every department and agencies sufficient to continue the efficiency in government operations.

However, he said, budget formula-

tion continues to be very challenging with the continued loss of revenues resulting from the extension of the public health emergency and zero tourism to aid the economic recovery.

With the significant reduction in resources, Torres said they examined two years of past and current expenditure activities to determine allocation.

However, he said, available funding is only sufficient to cover 64 hours per pay period. The enactment of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 will provide additional relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses, he said.

He said the CNMI is privileged with a substantial allocation in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to help the Commonwealth with the impacts of the pandemic, making funds available for the provision of government services. This funding, Torres said, will aid the CNMI in restoring the hours of those affected by austerity due to loss of government revenues, including reinstatement of employees that were furloughed and the cancellation of the reduction-in-force.

He said Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig is now compiling the Commonwealth’s proposed spending plan for submission to the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury for review and approval prior to remitting federal funds to the CNMI.

With the availability of the ARPA funding, Torres said he encourages the Marianas Visitors Authority to move forward with planning for the resumption of activities aside from the promotion and marketing of the Marianas as a tourist destination, but to also include or create outdoor events for the community, which has been affected by this pandemic for over a year now.

“Such outdoor activities that our community can look forward to include the Taste of the Marianas, a bike-run promotion for our growing biker’s community including events for the younger generation and boat-

ers, etc.,” he said.

The governor said the government can help improve the quality of life for the community by reintroducing events they enjoy and thus will capture the resources they eagerly want to spend when travel reopens.

Torres said the government’s first step is to mitigate the impact of those resources from exiting the Commonwealth by starting with community promotions, then venture out to entice visitors to come back.

To maintain a balanced budget, critical activities and programs are considered with minimal allocation, Torres said.

He said 20% of government wages will be covered under the ARPA allocation to the CNMI, contingent on the U.S. Secretary of Treasury approving the CNMI’s proposed spending plan.

Torres said the availability of this funding to the CNMI within the 60 days of enactment of ARPA will allow those affected by the reduction in government hours, the cancellation of the reduction-in-force, and the reinstatement of furloughs to return back to their duty station.

With respect to the Public School System, Torres said his proposed budget satisfies the mandates of House Legislative Initiative 18-12 by allocating 25% of the net budgetary resources available for appropriation, amounting to \$24,724,325.

He said Section 2005 of the ARPA appropriates \$850 million to be allocated to the outlying areas, of which the CNMI is grouped with American Samoa, Guam, and Palau.

He said PSS is entitled to receive a substantial allocation from this section of the ARPA, with the money remaining available until Sept. 30, 2023.

As for the Northern Marianas College, Torres said his proposal allocates \$5,092,668 to NMC, of which \$3,082,668 is from general fund, \$1,260,000 will be derived from Northern Marianas Workforce Act of 2018 for vocational and apprenticeship programs at the college, and \$750,000 from Compact Impact funds.

He said additional allocation is

reflected in Volume IV (ARPA) for the provision of higher education services of NMC to reinstate reduction in hours and those affected by furloughs. Torres said funding from ARPA to NMC will restore services that were suspended as a result of the loss of government revenue.

On group health and life insurance, \$6.5 million is allocated in employer contributions for active retirees in the government’s group health and life insurance provider.

Torres said employer contributions for active employees enrolled in the government’s group health provider program is allocated in Volume IV (ARPA).

As to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., Torres said \$302,659 will be allocated to CHCC to fund the services provided to incarcerated individuals requiring medical care not available at the prison clinic.

He said Volume IV (ARPA) includes funding to meet the required non-federal cost share enabling the CNMI to maximize its Medicaid al-

location in excess of \$70 million. Torres said additional funding to CHCC is included in Volume IV (ARPA).

In addition, the ARPA appropriates over \$86.4 billion that makes funds available to programs that CHCC will benefit directly. He said the funds are available in the form of grants that CHCC may qualify for through the grant application process.

Torres asked the Legislature to reassess local laws governing foreign labor relating to the importation of construction workers and suspend provisions to ease bringing in these workers for disaster recovery work. He asked the Legislature to institute a sunset provision for a three-year period to align with the additional 3,000 construction workers granted to the CNMI for the purpose of recovery following the devastation typhoons Mangkhut and Yutu, pursuant to U.S. Public Law 116-94.

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

## LEE PAN

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“I’ve seen him with his staff doing a tremendous cleanup of the island. I want to continue that legacy,” said the 62-year-old Guerrero during an interview at the San Vicente Park where he attended a youth proclamation signing.

Apatang, who is now on his second term as mayor, earlier said he no longer intends to run again. Each mayorship term runs four years.

The lawmaker said he is seeking the Republican Party’s support and approval for him to be their next candidate for mayor.

“And I hope that the party sees it fit that I am the right candidate for the mayorship,” he said.

If there may be other who are also interested in the position, Guerrero said the Republican Party will have to consider who is the best and right candidate.

The lawmaker said he is committed to run as mayor and he will soon be submitting his letter of intent to the GOP. He said he is still organizing his committee-to-elect.

Whoever will be chosen as the committee’s chairman will come up with a tentative date to make the official announcement of his candidacy, Guerrero said.

He said his focus is to continue and enhance the work that Apatang has been doing to clean the island. “Let’s beautify our villages. It’s important because we’re preparing to open up [Saipan] for our own industry, the tourism industry,” he said, adding that now is the opportune time to clean up the island. “Let’s start cleaning up because that’s the focal point

of our tourism...for them to come and see how we beautify our islands. And...when we open up, our tourists will be visiting our villages.”

On the issue of peace and order, Guerrero said the community needs to combat illegal drugs. “It’s difficult when we have addicts out here in our community, destroying what we have,” he said.

Guerrero cited an example the improved San Vicente Park that, according to him, must be maintained because it belongs to the community.

“When we go out there and clean, it is giving it back to the community. But we need the support and help of the community to do their own part of making sure that they’re the eyes and ears of the mayor,” he said.

Guerrero said if the people see something inappropriate, they should report it to the proper authority. “That’s how we work. We need to work together as a team, not as individuals,” Guerrero said.

Guerrero was a parole officer before joining politics. He started as a House representative in 2015 when the late governor Eloy Inos asked him to run with him under the Covenant Party. The Covenant Party later joined the GOP.

“The late governor saw that I can be a candidate who will do good for the community. And since Day 1, that’s what I’ve been doing,” Guerrero said.

He hopes the community would support him in his run for mayor. “I humbly seek the voters of the island of Saipan to elect the right candidate,” he said. “I am not going to just stick to one area of the island. I would be all over the island...because if the community elects me to be next mayor, it’s for them,” he said.

will discuss the various laws and regulations to make sure you stay in compliance.

■ **April 29 – Government of Guam procurement** – The Guam PTAC will explain government of Guam procurement, where to find opportunities, and how to submit bids.

Register on our website, <http://guamptac.com/news-and-events.php>. (PR)

## IPI

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for the NMI, Dotts reported that IPI paid its monthly bill to the U.S. Department of Labor last April 1 and that IPI’s next payday for its payroll is April 9. Dotts said IPI’s employee housing still has housing and power, food services continue without interruption for all the H-2B workers, and there is no repatriation to report. Also, construction work at IPI’s resort in Garapan remains suspended.

Dotts said IPI continues to work with DOL’s field office to match up check numbers to names and assure the checks actually cleared. He added that the process is complicated “because the checks were written on the account of the payroll service provid-

er and not on IPI’s account.”

Last March 29, U.S. District Court Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona approved the amended consent judgment between IPI and USDOL that allows IPI to pay off in installments the amount it owes USDOL in a previous consent judgment. That effectively suspended Manglona’s previously ordered receivership for the casino developer.

USDOL reported to the court that IPI and its parent company have “come current on the payment of their payroll and are in the process of determining the full extent of their liability to their employees from June 1 to Feb. 28, 2021.”

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, Manglona ordered IPI to pay the remaining balance of the April 2019 consent judgment starting April

1, 2021 until Dec. 1, 2021. The total amount that IPI owes is \$1,478,430.72 which includes the first amended consent judgment of \$1,430,574.72 plus \$47,856 in unpaid wages.

If IPI fails to make payment after 10 days of missing the payment due date, then the USDOL secretary can declare a default of the amended consent judgment by filing a notice of default with the court and provide a copy of the notice to IPI.

If IPI still fails to make payment five days after 10 days of missing payment, then the receiver—in this case Guam lawyer Joyce Tang—will be authorized to sell IPI’s assets, including but not limited to the Flame Tree Terrace Parcels property, to pay the total judgment amount and the receiver’s costs and fees, said Manglona.

expressed his gratitude to the entire staff and directors of Commerce and expressed optimism for his new position within the department as director to take on the increased demands of the CNMI’s economic recovery.

In his letter, Rabauliman said the Torres-Palacios leadership has “taken us all to a whole new level, where many strides have been made in moving the administration’s platform toward the CNMI’s economic recovery.”

## CHIEF

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serve the CNMI as head of Commerce. Bautista said Rabauliman



## 500 Sails offers free sailing classes

500 Sails will be resuming its Lalayak Project, or sailing classes, starting April 11. All classes are free and will take place at Guma Sakman in Susupe.

The classes, which are for adults and teenagers with parental consent, is from 8am-10am (before Sunday Sails program) and end on May 23, 2021.

Participants must pass a swim tests on the first day of class (400-meter swim and 1-hour treading water)

There are seven classes. Three of the classes are on land, four in/on the sea. In addition, 10 practice sails must be completed as a crew.

The Lalayak Project uses a curriculum of basic sailing skills developed by master navigator Cecilio Raiukiulipiy and 500 Sails co-founder Peter Perez. Classes are taught by previous cohort members, 500 Sails staff, and Raiukiulipiy as available. 500 Sails is looking for people willing to give back

to the community as instructors in future Lalayak classes.

Both a written test and a practical test must be passed as part of the final exam in order to be certified as "māgus" (skipper) or crew. The final exam is scheduled for June 20, 2021.

These Lalayak classes are in addition to the Sunday Sails program run by master navigator Mario Benito that takes place from 10am-2pm, giving rides and introductory sailing experiences to new sailors.

For additional information email [info@500sails.org](mailto:info@500sails.org) or call 285-4268. (PR)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
File photo shows previous Lalayak students and teachers.

## NMHC to brief Tinian on CDBG-DR

The Northern Marianas Housing Corp. will be sending Kimo M. Rosario, Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery program manager, to Tinian this Friday, April 9, 2021, to provide Tinian residents with a brief overview and description of NMHC's CDBG-DR grant and programs as well take and respond to questions.

The CDBG-DR grant created and supports the following programs:

1. Housing (reconstruction/rehabilitation, single-family new construction development, and affordable rental housing development);
2. Public infrastructure (FEMA local match and repair and resiliency); and
3. Economic revitalization (tourism marketing and promotions and workforce development)

The scheduled event will be held at the Tinian Public Library and start at 2pm, April 9, 2021.

Shortly following the signing of the CDBG-DR grant agreement, the Tinian Legislative Delegation, along with the Tinian member on the NMHC

board, Eric Reyes, have been requesting NMHC to hold outreach and public awareness activities on Tinian. Similarly, the NMHC-CDBG-DR key management staff have been closely working with the U.S. Housing and Urban Development and the NMHC board of directors in meeting post-grant agreement HUD requirements, e.g., policies and procedures, that are needed for full implementation of programs.

"With all these requirements on their final stages and in place, programs are finally rolling out. Now, the CDBG-DR team can engage in active citizen participation through outreach and public awareness activities. NMHC wants to thank the entire CNMI community, including Tinian residents, for their continued interest in the CDBG-DR programs and their patience," Rosario said.

For more information, contact NMHC's Tinian Field Office at 433-9213 or the CDBG-DR Division at 233-9447/9448/9449/9450 or via email at [cnmi-cdbg-dr@nmhc.gov.net](mailto:cnmi-cdbg-dr@nmhc.gov.net). (PR)

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# Orsini Tours PSS

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CNMI Board of Education chair Andrew L. Orsini, seated left, meets with Dandan Middle School leadership: DMS principal James Sablan, vice Principal Reo Arriola, and SARC coordinator Bobby Coldeen.



CNMI Board of Education chair Andrew L. Orsini, left, exchanges ideas with Kagman Elementary School principal Dr. Ignacia Demapan and vice principal Peter Arriola.



Tanapag Middle School principal Hilda Rios walks with CNMI Board of Education chair Andrew L. Orsini briefly around campus following their meeting. Also, in the meeting was vice principal Felisa Brel (not in photo).



CNMI Board of Education chair Andrew L. Orsini, center, with Garapan Elementary School principal Liela Yumul and vice principal Derwin Johnson



CNMI Board of Education chair Andrew L. Orsini, center, meets with Marianas High School principal Jonathan Aguon and vice principals Melania Rdiall and Romolor Orsini.



CNMI Board of Education chair Andrew L. Orsini, left, joins Kagman High School principal Ben Jones, vice principal for Discipline Francisca Bondoc, and counselor Shirley Norita for a photo.



CNMI Board of Education chair Andrew L. Orsini, right, joins the William S. Reyes Elementary School leadership team: principal Lynn Mendiola, vice principal Jocelyn Manibusan, and BOE teacher representative Phyllis Ain.



Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred B. Ada, CNMI Board of Education chair Andrew L. Orsini and associate commissioner for Administrative Services Eric Magofna pose with the Hopwood Middle School leadership team: principal Victor Borja, vice principals Ben Seman and Karen Manuel, librarian Janet Sablan and PSS Facilities Development and Management coordinator Glenn Smith.



CNMI Board of Education chair Andrew L. Orsini, left, shares a light moment with San Vicente Elementary School principal Paulette T. Sablan, vice principal Ana Guerrero, and SARC coordinator Bobby Coldeen.



CNMI Board of Education chair Andrew L. Orsini, right, talks with Chacha Oceanview Middle School principal Martha Kintol. They were joined by vice principal Le'ah Murphy (not in photo).



CNMI Board of Education chair Andrew L. Orsini is flanked by Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School principal Raena Bermudes and vice principal Melissa Mendez following a campus visit.



Da'ok Academy principal Christine Tudela and counselor Audrey King smile for the camera with CNMI Board of Education chair Andrew L. Orsini.



CNMI Board of Education chair Andrew L. Orsini poses with Francisco Middle School principal Cherlyn Cabrera-Osung and vice principal Carla Sablan.



# NMC's staff senate recognizes 3 Staff of the Quarter



Northern Marianas College recently recognized its Staff Members of the Quarter. From left are accounting technician Nate Seng, accountant Christina Cruz, funds certification officer/travel accountant Odin Garces, and NMC interim president Frankie Eliptico. NMC

The staff senate of the Northern Marianas College recently recognized three hardworking staff members for their dedication and commitment to NMC.

The three individuals, who are all from the college's finance office, are accountant Christina Cruz, accounting technician Nate Seng, and funds certification officer/travel accountant Odin Garces. Each of them will receive a monetary prize and a reserved parking slot for the quarter.

NMC staff senate president Geri Rodgers explained that the staff senate decided to launch the Staff of the Quar-

ter recognition program—where employees nominate and select colleagues for this special honor—in the spirit of boosting morale. “I have the great privilege of working alongside Christina, Odin, and Nate. They are confident in their work, genuinely friendly, and help all of us work together to accomplish the mission of the college everyday,” Rodgers said. “Congratulations to our first quarter recipients.”

Cruz, Seng, and Garces were recognized last Thursday during an event held for NMC employees.

“I am blessed and thankful

that my fellow colleagues voted for me to receive the Staff of the Quarter award,” Cruz said. “I believe that we all are deserving of such an award because we all work hard in our areas. I’m looking forward to more recognition for other staff members in the upcoming quarters.”

Seng said that he is honored to receive the distinction.

“I would like to thank the staff senate senators for coordinating such a great event for our staff and would like to extend my gratitude to all the staff that voted,” Seng said. “I am very humbled and

grateful to be working with so many amazing staff members that are just as deserving of

this honor. Much love to my Proa family.”

Garces also shared the same sentiments. “I am honored to receive this recognition, and I would like to dedicate this award to all my fellow staff for their hard work and dedication to NMC,” Garces said.

NMC interim president

Frankie Eliptico said he is proud of the three employees. ““Congratulations to Nate, Christina, and Odin for being awarded as Staff Members of the Quarter,” Eliptico said. “All of them are hardworking employees and continue to do so much for our institution.” (NMC)



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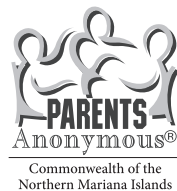


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- Provide additional documents, if needed.

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### EDITORIAL

## The way forward from the inside out: Infrastructure

**E**merging from the COVID-19 pandemic, America has so many challenges and so many needs. Faced with a damaged economy, political polarization and communities in need of federal support, it is hard to know where to start.

But that combination of woes should lead the nation's leaders to one strategy that can address them all at once—America must finally launch an infrastructure-rebuilding program.

Leaders from both parties have repeatedly floated the prospect of an infrastructure plan for years, only to have the discussions preempted by partisan rancor. Now President Joe Biden's \$2 trillion American Jobs Plan, which he introduced in Pittsburgh last week, could hold great promise, provided lawmakers hammer out genuine compromise on issues such as the scope of the projects included and the tax increase Biden wants to fund them.

The partisan divide that has defined government in recent years actually could be addressed by an infrastructure plan. Not only will this plan require a cooperative effort from Democrats and Republicans, but also both parties stand to gain much by finally delivering a federal program to rebuild the nation's deteriorating roads, bridges, airports and more. This will require honest bipartisan problem-solving, the likes of which has been rarely seen in these days of polarized grandstanding. Congress now must roll up its sleeves and work together.

In so doing, there is the promise of healing, building relationships and trust between elected leaders who have lost their taste for aisle-crossing efforts in recent years. Unlike nearly every other issue facing our country, there is not fundamental partisan disagreement about the need to address the decades of neglect to our nation's vital infrastructure. And the disagreements about whether it ought to include provisions that expand Medicaid, protect organized labor and prioritize green energy, as President Biden wants, can be hashed out by lawmakers working in good faith toward a real solution. Because American needs this solution.

The World War II generation built up America with the New Deal Works Progress Administration projects and then continued after the war with the Eisenhower administration's interstate highway system. Two generations later, the American Society of Civil Engineers has been trying to sound the alarm about the poor shape of the country's infrastructure with its annual report card. The latest such report gave the nation a C-minus, which is an improvement over D-plus from the year before. Below average is not good enough.

Decades of under-funding and deferred maintenance are to blame. The society of engineers estimates the United States needs to spend about \$2 trillion to rehab the roads and bridges, dams and water systems, schools and parks, and other infrastructure. While we are at it, this country needs to modernize its energy grid and expand access to broadband internet.

The country's aging and deteriorating infrastructure is an obvious safety hazard. Consider the 2018 study that estimated

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## What does the world need? More humans

**H**ow worried should we be about global depopulation? Some East Asian countries have fertility rates near or even below 1.0, while much of the core population of Europe is shrinking. In the U.S., fertility rates have fallen below replacement rates, hitting a historic low of 1.7 in 2019, and will likely fall even further in 2020 in part due to COVID-19. Many of the world's poorer countries are seeing their birth rates plunge at unprecedented rates. By the year 2100, according to one projection, world population growth will be practically zero.

If you think the world is overpopulated and has serious environmental problems, you might welcome this news. But dwindling populations create their own inexorable logic. If the Japanese population shrinks by half, to 65 million or so, what's to stop it from declining to 30 million? Or 20 million?

There is some evidence that shrinking populations are bad for the global economy. To me, however, the greater tragedy would be a failure to take full advantage of the planet's capacity to sustain human life. No kind of family policy should be mandatory. But there should be policies that make larger families a more appealing option, both economically and otherwise.

One possibility is that a shrinking population itself will bring self-reversing mechanisms. For instance, a Japanese population half its current size would make Japan an emptier place, presumably lowering land prices. Some families would find it easier to afford a larger apartment in central Tokyo and perhaps decide to have more children.

But that mechanism seems more likely to reduce population decline than to reverse it. Living space is only one of many factors behind decisions about family size. And as population declines, the stock of houses and apartments will decline too, so in the longer run the amount of space per family may not increase by very much.

Population trends depend on how permanent are the causes of fertility decline. In many cases women prefer to pursue careers, or to start having children later, and that means lower birth rates. This same logic would apply in a much less populous Japan or Italy.

Another factor in declining fertility, especially in the U.S., is single parenthood. If a potential mother is facing a fertility decision without another full-time parent on the scene, she is more likely to choose to have fewer children. As population falls, will

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single-parent families become less common? It is hard to see why. Whether the issue is a lack of marriageable men, unstable family norms or women who simply prefer to go it alone, there is no particular reason to think those factors will disappear in an era of population decline.

If anything, the impetus toward smaller family size might continue or even accelerate. Job opportunities for women may keep improving in quality, which increases the opportunity costs of having a large family. Furthermore, many countries around the world are becoming wealthier. As wealth increases, religiosity tends to decline, and religiosity also tends to boost family size.

What might be some other intervening factors to restore fertility? Perhaps tender and loving robots will make it much easier to raise young children. Or maybe, as populations fall to much lower levels, a sense of moral panic will set in. Families might decide to have more children, feeling that the very survival of their country is at stake. A more elaborate and dystopian scenario would be that corporations take over empty parts of the globe and pay for the raising of children there, in return for a share of their future income.

Undoubtedly there are other unusual (and more utopian) scenarios. Whatever their likelihood, it would not be wise to count on them. It is already the case that in many places, such as Singapore, governments have embarked on aggressive yet ineffective pro-family subsidy policies.

Depopulation is a major problem that the world in general, and its wealthier countries in particular, are failing even to discuss, much less address. In any given year, in any given country, a shrinking population may not be much of an issue, and it may even be welcomed. But make no mistake: Over time, collectively, we are choosing a very different future for humanity.



# Why we are more cautious when there's light at the end of the tunnel

By **THOMAS D. GILOVICH** and **WILLIAM SCHULZE**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**A**fter a year in which good news has been hard to come by, recent developments on the pandemic front are bound to elicit more joy than the coming arrival of spring. The availability of effective vaccines tops the list of good news.

Another dose of good news is that, along with continuing mask use, there has been an uptick in the number of people staying home and avoiding restaurants, and a reduction in gatherings of 10 or more people in much of the United States that began in mid-November, according to data tracking by USC. It seems that a technological breakthrough has been met by an improvement in human behavior among a wide swath of the U.S. population (young people on spring break being one apparent exception).

These developments have led to a steep decline in case totals across much of the country, including California, which is at around 2,600 new cases a day, down from more than 40,000 in early January.

Why did many people who were initially reluctant to follow COVID-19 guidelines get on board with the recommendations of health experts? After all, as the COVID-19 vaccines became available, one could have imagined previously noncompliant people becoming even less compliant.

The vaccines could have been considered something of a magic bullet, making preventive measures such as mask-wearing and social distancing seem unnecessary as a defense. People might therefore have been less likely to comply with the inconvenience of those measures. Yet it appears the opposite happened. As soon as vaccine approval appeared imminent, the percentage of the population saying that it was taking precautions increased.

There is some compelling psychology at play here, psychology that plays out in many areas of everyday life. Take your standard action movie. When a minor character says something like "I'm leaving the police force" or "This is my last mission; I'm calling it quits," the audience knows what's going to happen. That character

has just been handed a death sentence. The screenwriter is intensifying the grief to come by putting the character almost out of harm's way. The death seems more tragic because it nearly didn't happen.

This shows that we don't simply react to what has happened; we react to what easily could have happened as well. That is why Olympic silver medalists are generally less happy than the bronze medalists they just outperformed. The silver medalist must deal with having almost won the coveted gold medal; the bronze medalist came close to having no medal at all.

That is also why people are reluctant to give up a lottery ticket they purchased, even when offered a cash incentive to do so: They can easily imagine how bad they'd feel—and how hard they'd kick themselves—if the ticket they gave up ended up winning.

This dynamic may also play into people's decisions about following pandemic guidelines.

Getting deathly ill is a tragedy under any circumstances, but especially so when it "didn't have to happen." People are more inclined to take precautions when they know that help is on the way and they're almost out of danger.

Stated differently, some people who refused to keep social distance or were lax about mask-wearing may have acted out of a type of fatalism—the kind of thinking that could cause someone to say, "If my number's called, so be it. I'm not going to stop living by trying to prevent it."

But knowing that they will soon be able to get a vaccine can counteract such fatalism. People understand that they would feel foolish getting ill just before they could get vaccinated, and they may also worry that others will think they're foolish too. So why risk it, they reason—making them more open to complying with public health recommendations.

The psychology behind this "near-miss" effect could be harnessed to increase compliance even further. Health officials could encourage this kind of thinking by putting out messages that tell people "a return to your old life is just around the corner." The closer people feel to an end of this crisis, the more likely they will change their behavior to make that come true.

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## What do you know about our tax system?

By **ROBERT WYLLIE**  
InsideSources.com



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**“T**ax Day,” the filing deadline for individual federal tax returns, is normally April 15, but it was extended this year until May 17.

The quiz below, from the Ashbrook Center at Ashland University in Ohio, provides an opportunity for you to test your knowledge of the history and background of the U.S. tax system.

1. Which of the following gives the federal government the authority to levy a tax on incomes?

- A. Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution
- B. The 16th Amendment to the Constitution
- C. The Internal Revenue Code of 1939
- D. Title 26 of the U.S. Code

2. In 1794, George Washington became the only sitting president to lead troops in the field when he marched against Pennsylvanians protesting a tax on what?

- A. Tea
- B. Newspapers
- C. Sugar
- D. Whiskey

3. Amid the controversy over the Stamp Act, which famous American said, "Taxation without representation is tyranny"?

- A. Samuel Adams of Massachusetts
- B. John Dickinson of Pennsylvania
- C. James Otis Jr. of Massachusetts
- D. Patrick Henry of Virginia

4. The first income tax in U.S. history was passed by Congress during which conflict?

- A. War of 1812
- B. Civil War
- C. Spanish-American War
- D. World War I

5. What was the highest marginal tax rate in the history of the federal income tax, levied at the end of World War II?

- A. 39%
- B. 50%
- C. 75%
- D. 94%

6. Which president was re-

sponsible for the largest cut to the top marginal income tax rate, lowering it from 73% to 25%?

- A. Calvin Coolidge
- B. Lyndon B. Johnson
- C. Ronald Reagan
- D. Donald Trump

7. Revenue from the federal income tax accounts for approximately what percentage of total federal government revenue?

- A. 100%
- B. 75%
- C. 50%
- D. 25%

8. Approximately what percentage of American citizens — mostly young people and older and retired people — pays no income tax at all?

- A. Between 50% and 60%
- B. Between 40% and 50%
- C. Between 30% and 40%
- D. Between 20% and 30%

9. In fiscal year 2019, individual taxpayers paid more than \$1.7 trillion in income taxes, according to the Treasury Department. Approximately how much did they pay in fiscal 1999, just 20 years earlier?

- A. \$723 billion
- B. \$879 billion
- C. \$907 billion
- D. \$1.1 trillion

10. The Internal Revenue Service's Form 1040 has been in existence, with periodic revisions, since what year?

- A. 1914
- B. 1929
- C. 1945
- D. 1963

ANSWERS: 1-B, 2-D, 3-C, 4-B, 5-D, 6-A, 7-C, 8-B, 9-B, 10-A

## Data disaggregation shows startling health disparities among Asian Americans

By **THOMAS LE** and **EMMA ZENG**  
THE BALTIMORE SUN

**W**ith the recent rise in anti-Asian violence and the tragic shootings in Atlanta, there has been an increased focus on individual and institutional racism toward Asian Americans. Our experience as Asian American medical students has revealed another issue that has received little attention: Asian American health disparities are hardly covered in medical education.

This makes us wonder: Does anyone care about the health of the communities that we grew up in?

Minority health disparities first gained major attention in 1985 with the Heckler Report on Black and Minority Health, which led to the establishment of the Federal Office of Minority Health. Importantly, the report concluded that Asian Americans in aggregate were healthier than other U.S. racial groups. This view supported the 1960s "model minority" myth of Asian Americans—law-abiding, educated, high-income and hardworking.

But a more granular look at Asian American subgroups reveals persistent socioeconomic and health disparities. Recent U.S. census data show that Asians, as a whole, were indeed less likely than the overall U.S. population to live in poverty (12.1% vs 15.1%). However, disaggregating Asians by racial subgroups shows that 28.3% of Hmong, 33.3% of Bhutanese and 35% of Burmese Americans live in poverty.

Furthermore, such data disaggregation revealed startling health disparities. The incidence rate of cervical cancer in Vietnamese women is twice that of non-Hispanic white women, as noted in one 2015 study, and higher rates of diabetes are found in Filipinos and South Asians compared to the non-Hispanic white population. For Asian Americans, disaggregation of aggregated data is key.

The COVID-19 pandemic has further demonstrated that the lack of knowledge around Asian American health has serious

public health implications. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine's "Framework for the Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccines," commissioned by the Centers for Disease Control and National Institutes of Health, explicitly mentions the impact of COVID-19 on minorities, but paradoxically neglects any mention of Asian Americans. This lack of inclusion, while possibly due to a scarcity of COVID-19 research on Asian Americans, falsely implies that Asian Americans are not facing challenges during this pandemic and do not require vaccine outreach. Once again, Asian Americans are invisible in aggregate.

As we move forward in this pandemic, we must break through the cycle of Asian American disenfranchisement and act to improve Asian American health. We urge health care providers and public health stakeholders to conduct outreach to vaccinate vulnerable Asian American populations, such as those who are low-income and who have limited English proficiency. With vaccine rollout expanding, we must ensure that populations know when, how, where and why to get vaccinated.

Furthermore, as we continue to study COVID-19 and its disproportionate effect on minority populations, we advocate for the disaggregation of Asian American data to understand the adverse effects of COVID-19 on Asian American populations. Without granular collection and reporting, the most vulnerable Asian American populations are silenced in aggregation.

As future medical professionals, we recognize that COVID-19 will forever change how we practice medicine. Our hope is that this change will finally give vulnerable Asian Americans the help and recognition they need. In this nation of immigrants, we must understand and eradicate the health disparities that affect all vulnerable populations, Asian Americans included. Together, we can ensure that everyone is able to weather this pandemic.

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likely to cause loss of life if they fail.

Beyond the danger, our ailing infrastructure is an impediment to the growth and revitalization that this country needs now more than ever. The Greatest Generation's federal building programs not only put a nation to work, but also they set the groundwork for business to thrive and for communities to grow and prosper.

This country has some major rebuilding to do. We have to re-

build our society and our economy. We have to rebuild a political system in which leaders from both parties can solve problems together. And we have to literally rebuild the crucial infrastructure our communities need to function. An ambitious federal infrastructure program is the place to begin.






## FORWARD

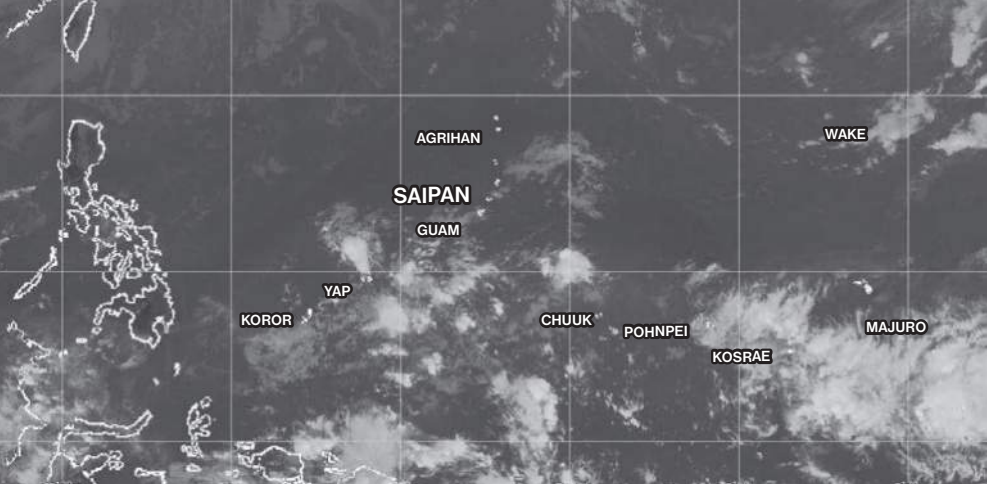
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about 6% of Ohio's more than 27,000 bridges are structurally deficient. And reflect on the report that revealed about 740 of Pennsylvania's 3,400 dams are "high hazard," meaning they're



# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
									
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. light and variable winds.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds around 10 mph.		Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.		Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.		Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.	
86°	76°	86°	76°	86°	76°	86°	76°	86°	76°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 12:12 PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Latest satellite trend indicate the surface trough is weaker than expected, which has allowed earlier showers to dissipate. It can still trigger a few showers and a thunderstorm or two across the Marianas. With much more sunshine expected today, light winds should allow island heating to produce scattered showers along and just off the west coast of Guam. These showers will be low-end scattered as this morning’s upper-air sounding reveals PW values of near 2 inches, just enough for island showers.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

## STOP THE SPREAD

**T**he Governor’s COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents with- in the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run nec- essary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulner- able people at home as much as possible. When return- ing home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

**Continue good hand hygiene**

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

**Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic**

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
  - ❑ Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
  - ❑ Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20

seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- ❑ Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ❑ Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the com- munity at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor’s COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are avail- able Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the CO- VID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These num- bers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323- 6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800- 985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit [https:// www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html)

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at [www.chcc.gov.mp](http://www.chcc.gov.mp) or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor’s COVID-19 Task Force, visit [www.governor.gov.mp](http://www.governor.gov.mp) and, follow @GovernorCNMI on Face- book, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at [www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19](http://www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19).

**Rumor control**

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor’s COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

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MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	86   78 °F	
Palau	Thunderstorms	86   78 °F	
Yap	Thunderstorms	86   72 °F	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86   79 °F	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85   78 °F	
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	85   79 °F	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85   79 °F	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:08 AM	6:30 PM
Thursday	6:07 AM	6:30 PM
Friday	6:07 AM	6:30 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:30 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:30 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	2:56 AM	2:34 PM	-
Thursday	3:41 AM	3:27 PM	-
Friday	4:21 AM	4:18 PM	-
Saturday	4:58 AM	5:06 PM	-
Sunday	5:34 AM	5:53 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Rain	73   68 °F	
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	72   52 °F	
Hong Kong	Sunny	72   63 °F	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	84   71 °F	
London	Partly Cloudy	60   39 °F	
Los Angeles	Sunny	76   55 °F	
Manila	Partly Cloudy	90   76 °F	
Melbourne	Sunny	76   49 °F	
Miami	Mostly Sunny	86   75 °F	
New York	Partly Cloudy	61   48 °F	
Osaka	Sunny	65   44 °F	
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	65   44 °F	
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	73   46 °F	
Rome	Mostly Sunny	71   50 °F	
Salem	Mostly Sunny	57   42 °F	
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	68   51 °F	
Seoul	Sunny	67   44 °F	
Tokyo	Sunny	61   45 °F	
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	77   53 °F	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
5:35 AM	High Tide	1.78	
11:22 AM	Low Tide	1.07	
4:03 PM	High Tide	1.55	
11:09 PM	Low Tide	0.09	

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MARCH 29, 2021

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	6:30am	7:10am	1, 4, 5, 6	UA174	4:50am	5:31am	1, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	6:30am	8:50pm	5 via Guam	UA184/174	9:50pm	5:31am+1	5 via Guam
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
UA183	7:05pm	8:50pm	5	UA184	9:50pm	3:45am+1	5
UA183	7:15pm	9:10pm	1, 3,	UA184	10:25pm	4:10am+1	1, 3

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. (*The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.*)

## STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

### FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JANUARY 9, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA				1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri	1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sat	1205	11:00	11:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1303	3:30PM	4:00PM	Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sun	1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri	1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sat	1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
3103	4:30PM	5:00PM	Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sun	1211	17:00	17:15	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM				1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
GUAM TO ROTA				2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable	2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2105	11:30	11:45	Temporarily Unavailable
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable	2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily	2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily	2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily	2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
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1211	17:00	17:15	Daily				
1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable				



# Business

## Some businesses want masks on, even as states drop mandates

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NEW YORK (AP)—Several weeks have passed since Texas ended its COVID-19 mask mandate. But if you want to pick up a snack at Soul Popped Gourmet Popcorn in Austin's Barton Creek Square Mall, you'll still be turned away if you aren't wearing a face covering.

"We cannot afford to take chances with the lives of my staffers. They're young people and their parents have entrusted me with their care," says owner De J. Lozada. She's also concerned about her 85-year-old father, who will soon return to his part-time job in the store.

Eighteen states currently

have no mask requirements, including some that have never made face coverings mandatory. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott lifted his state's mask mandate on March 2, and Indiana expects to end its mandate on Tuesday.

But many business owners like Lozada are keeping their own rules in place, requiring staffers and customers alike to wear masks for the sake of protecting everybody, particularly their employees.

And the law is on an owner's side. A company's premises are private property, so owners can insist that customers wear masks, just as restaurants can require that diners wear shoes and shirts in order to be served, says Michael Jones, an attorney



AP  
A customer enters a store with a face mask required sign displayed in Dallas, in this Tuesday, March 2, 2021, file photo.

sults in losing manufacturing capacity, then no one's going to win," Wilson says.

Many employees want their bosses to require masks. The 16 massage therapists who work for Amber Briggie cannot maintain the recommended six-foot distance from their clients and still do their work. She requires masks for everyone at her two Soma Massage locations in Denton, Texas. She told her customers in a blog post, "these same masks have kept all of us healthy since we reopened in May—we haven't had a single COVID case transmitted here despite the thousands of people we've seen."

When some clients objected, saying they wanted to be more comfortable and weren't worried about safety, Briggie has stood firm.

"I've told them, 'you can put your mask on or you can leave.' And they'd leave. We'd offer them a mask, and they'd leave," she says. But requiring masks has brought Briggie new customers, including some who canceled memberships at spas where masks are not required.

ney with the law firm Eckert Seamans in Philadelphia.

"Storeowners, business owners have the absolute right to require customers, vendors, anyone who comes onto their property to wear a mask," Jones says. It's legal as long as owners don't enforce their requirements in a discriminatory way, he says.

If a customer enters a store without a mask, is asked to leave and doesn't, that could be trespassing under the law. Lozada says she would call 911 if faced with that situation.

Most retail chains require employees and customers to wear masks. One exception,

Foot Locker, says each store is following the requirements of the state where it's located.

Employers have an obligation under federal law and some state laws to provide a safe workplace for their employees, and that can include requiring everyone on the premises to wear masks. In the COVID-19 section of its website, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration notes that employers are required to have a workplace "free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm."

When employees at In-

teplast Group question why they have to wear masks, managers at the plastic products manufacturer can point to the law, says Brenda Wilson, senior director of human resources and communications of the Livingston, New Jersey-based company that has facilities in 22 states. At this point, masks to protect against COVID-19 are as important as the eye and ear protection that factory workers must wear. But she says Intoplast's customers also need to be protected.

"They are depending on us to get the products out. If we have an outbreak and that re-

## Labor board says Amazon illegally fired outspoken workers

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Labor Relations Board has found that two outspoken Amazon workers were illegally fired last year.

Both employees, Emily Cunningham and Maren Costa, worked at Amazon offices in Seattle and publicly criticized the company, pushing it to do more to reduce its impact on climate change and to better protect warehouse workers from the coronavirus.

Cunningham shared with The Associated Press an email from the NLRB, which said it found that Amazon violated the rights of the two workers. The government agency also confirmed on Monday that it found merit in the case, adding that if Amazon doesn't settle the case a complaint will be filed. After that, a trial could start. The news was first reported by The

New York Times.

In a statement, Amazon said it disagreed with the preliminary findings and said it fired the employees for repeatedly violating internal policies, not because they talked publicly about working conditions or sustainability.

"We support every employee's right to criticize their employer's working conditions, but that does not come with blanket immunity against our internal policies, all of which are lawful," the Seattle-based company said.

Cunningham said the ruling proves that they were on the right side of history.

"Amazon tried to silence us," said Cunningham. "It didn't work."

Because of the ruling, Amazon could be forced to offer Cunningham and Costa their

jobs back, pay them back pay and reimburse them for expenses related to losing their jobs.

Cunningham and Costa, who were user-experience designers at Amazon, were the two most prominent voices among a group of workers who wanted the company, which has a giant carbon footprint, to take more steps to combat climate change and to stop doing business with oil and gas companies. They held protests and spoke to the media about their concerns.

About a year ago, Cunningham and Costa planned a call between Amazon warehouse and office workers to talk about unsafe conditions in the e-commerce giant's warehouses. Before it could happen, Amazon fired both women. An Amazon executive quit in protest, saying he couldn't stand by as whistleblowers were silenced.

Amazon's treatment of workers has been in the spotlight recently. Votes are currently being counted to determine whether workers at an Alabama warehouse want to join a union. Organizers there want Amazon to pay workers more, give them more break time and to be treated with respect.

Last year, Amazon also fired Christian Smalls, who led a walkout at a New York warehouse, hoping to get the company to better protect workers against the coronavirus. Amazon said it fired him for breaking social distancing rules. The New York attorney general, which is suing Amazon for not protecting workers enough during the pandemic, alleges in her lawsuit that the firing was meant to silence other workers from making health and safety complaints.

## Biden boosted by Senate rules as GOP bucks infrastructure

WASHINGTON (AP)—With an appeal to think big, President Joe Biden is promoting his \$2.3 trillion infrastructure plan directly to Americans, summoning public support to push past the Republicans lining up against the massive effort they sum up as big taxes, big spending and big government.

Republicans in Congress are making the politically brazen bet that it's more advantageous to oppose the costly American Jobs Plan, saddling the Democrats with ownership of the sweeping proposal and the corporate tax hike Biden says is needed to pay for it. He wants the investments in roads, schools, broadband and clean energy approved by summer.

On Monday, Biden received a boost from an unexpected source. The Senate parliamentarian greenlighted a strategy that would allow Democrats in the evenly-split 50-50 chamber to rely on a 51-vote threshold to advance some bills, rather than the typical 60 votes typically needed. The so-called budget reconciliation rules can now be used more often than expected—giving Democrats a fresh new path around the GOP blockade.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer's spokes-

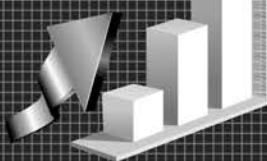
man welcomed the parliamentarian's opinion as "an important step forward." Spokesman Justin Goodman said no decisions have been made on the process ahead, but "this key pathway is available to Democrats if needed."

The prospects for a massive infrastructure investment, once a bipartisan source of unity on Capitol Hill, have cracked and groaned under the weight of political polarization. Where Biden sees an urgency in going big, Republicans want a narrow plan that focuses on roads and bridges, and warn that any corporate tax increase would crush economic growth.

"They know we need it," Biden said of the Republicans as he returned to Washington on Monday. "Everybody around the world is investing billions and billions of dollars in infrastructure, and we're going to do it here."

The standoff almost ensures a months-long slog as Congress hunkers down to begin drafting legislation and the White House keeps the door open to working across the aisle with Republicans, hoping that continued public attention will drum up support.

### STOCK PORTFOLIO



### LEADING INDICATORS

#### DOW

33,527.19

1.13%

+373.98

#### S&P

4,077.91

1.44%

+58.04

#### NASDAQ

13,705.59

1.67%

+225.49

### EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar

1.3080

British Pound

0.7188

Canadian Dollar

1.2532

Chinese Yuan

6.4589

Euro

0.8465

Hong Kong Dollar

7.7764

Indian Rupee

72.9353

Japanese Yen

110.2640

Malaysian Ringgit

4.0990

New Zealand Dollar

1.4175

Philippine Peso

47.7373

Russian Ruble

75.3757

Singapore Dollar

1.3407

South Korean Won

1103.04

Swiss Franc

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Taiwan Dollar

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Thailand Baht

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# Nation

## Police chief: Kneeling on Floyd's neck violated policy

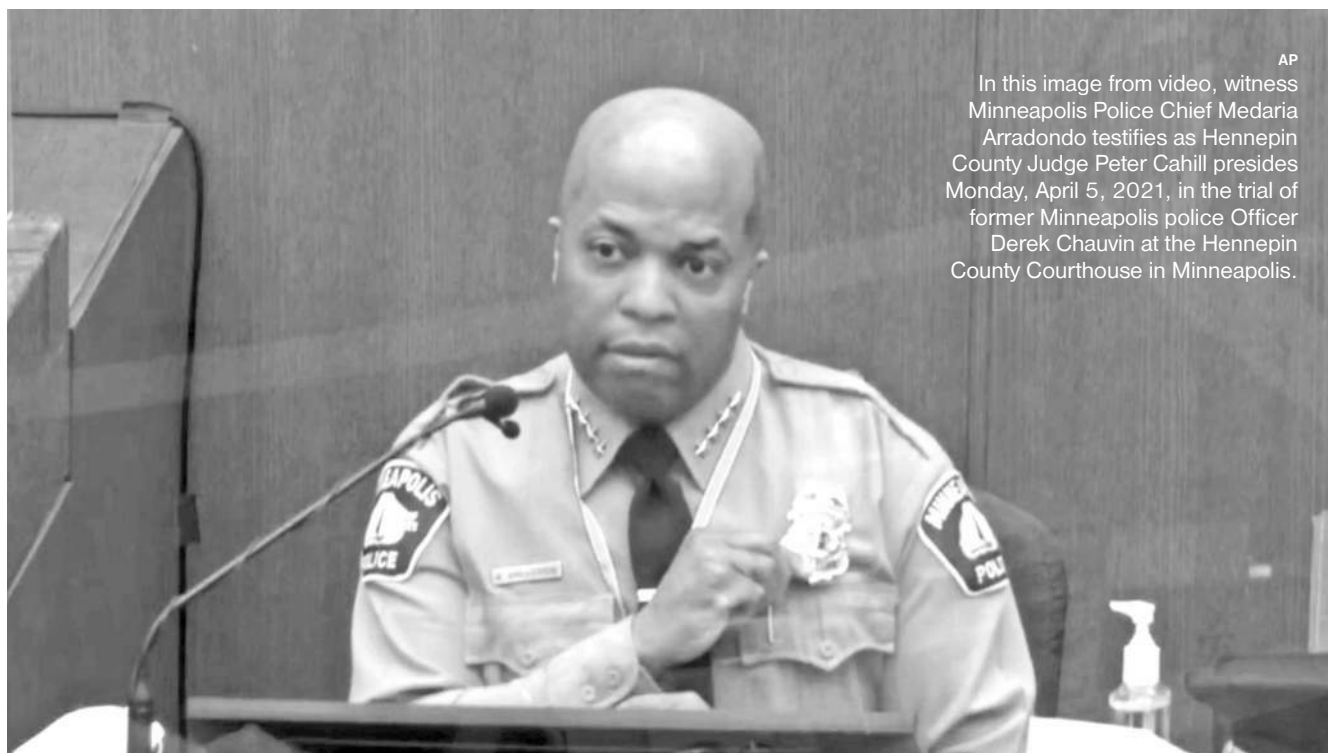
MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The Minneapolis police chief testified Monday that now-fired Officer Derek Chauvin violated departmental policy—and went against “our principles and the values that we have”—in pressing his knee on George Floyd’s neck and keeping him down after Floyd had stopped resisting and was in distress.

Continuing to kneel on Floyd’s neck once he was handcuffed behind his back and lying on his stomach was “in no way, shape or form” part of department policy or training, “and it is certainly not part of our ethics or our values,” Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said on Day Six of Chauvin’s murder trial.

Arradondo, the city’s first Black chief, fired Chauvin and three other officers the day after Floyd’s death last May, and in June called it “murder.”

While police have long been accused of closing ranks to protect fellow members of the force charged with wrongdoing—the “blue wall of silence,” as it’s known—some of the most experienced officers in the Minneapolis department have taken the stand to openly condemn Chauvin’s treatment of Floyd.

As jurors watched in rapt attention and scribbled notes,



AP  
In this image from video, witness Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo testifies as Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill presides Monday, April 5, 2021, in the trial of former Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin at the Hennepin County Courthouse in Minneapolis.

Arradondo testified not only that Chauvin, a 19-year veteran of the force, should have let Floyd up sooner, but that the pressure on Floyd’s neck did not appear to be light to moderate, as called for under the department’s neck-restraint policy; that Chauvin failed in his duty to render first aid before the ambulance arrived; and that he violated policy requiring officers to de-escalate tense situations with no or

minimal force if they can.

“That action is not de-escalation,” the police chief said. “And when we talk about the framework of our sanctity of life and when we talk about our principles and the values that we have, that action goes contrary to what we are talking about.”

Arradondo’s testimony came after the emergency room doctor who pronounced Floyd dead said he theorized at the time that Floyd’s heart

most likely stopped because of a lack of oxygen.

Dr. Bradford Langenfeld, who was a senior resident on duty that night at Hennepin County Medical Center and tried to resuscitate Floyd,

took the stand as prosecutors sought to establish that it was Chauvin’s knee on the Black man’s neck that killed him.

Langenfeld said Floyd’s heart had stopped by the time he arrived at the hospital. The

doctor said that he was not told of any efforts at the scene by bystanders or police to resuscitate Floyd but that paramedics told him they had tried for about 30 minutes and that he tried for another 30 minutes.

Under questioning by prosecutors, Langenfeld said that based on the information he had, it was “more likely than the other possibilities” that Floyd’s cardiac arrest—the stopping of his heart—was caused by asphyxia, or insufficient oxygen.

Chauvin, 45, is charged with murder and manslaughter in Floyd’s death May 25. The white officer is accused of pressing his knee into the 46-year-old man’s neck for 9 minutes, 29 seconds, outside a corner market where Floyd had been arrested on suspicion of trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill for a pack of cigarettes.

Floyd’s treatment by police was captured on widely seen bystander video that sparked protests around the U.S. that descended into violence in some cases.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Probe wraps up at Colorado supermarket where 10 were killed

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)—Detectives have finished collecting evidence at a Colorado supermarket where a gunman killed 10 people two weeks ago, but the store is still closed, police said Monday. District Attorney Michael Dougherty had described the investigation at the store in Boulder as painstaking, with investigators going through every shelf and pulling out each item as they gathered evidence. The overall investigation into the March 22 shooting is continuing, police spokesperson Dionne Vaughn said. Investigators have not released a motive for the attack. With the work at the store complete, police said the property was turned back over to King Soopers, a brand owned by Kroger Co., the United States’ largest grocery chain. It is not clear when the store will reopen. Kroger Co. is currently discussing plans to re-open or renovate the store based on feedback from the workers and community, said Kelli McGannon, a spokesperson for Kroger Co. Workers at the Table Mesa King Soopers location will remain on paid emergency leave until at least April 24 and then the company will work “one-on-one to understand their needs and desired timeline to return to

work,” McGannon said. Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa, 21, is accused of opening fire at the store and has been charged with 10 counts of first-degree murder. Killed were police Officer Eric Talley; Denny Stong, 20; Neven Stanisic, 23; Rikki Olds, 25; Tralona Bartkowiak, 49; Teri Leiker, 51; Suzanne Fountain, 59; Kevin Mahoney, 61; Lynn Murray, 62; and Jody Waters, 65. Alissa also has been charged with one count of attempted first-degree murder over shots fired at another officer. Prosecutors have said they expect to file more charges as the investigation progresses. One of Alissa’s public defenders told a judge during his first court appearance that they needed to assess Alissa’s mental health but did not provide details about his condition.

#### Police: Teacher offered \$200 for sex with 2-year-old

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—A Florida school district fired a teacher shortly after a law enforcement report was released Monday saying he offered to pay for a father’s motel room if he could sexually molest the man’s 2-year-old daughter. Xavier Alexander, a fourth-grade teacher at Grove Park Elementary School in Palm Beach Gardens, has been fired, the Palm Beach County School District said in a state-

ment. Alexander, 27, also advertised himself on websites as a babysitter, investigators said. The firing came hours after a Palm Beach Sheriff’s Office arrest report outlining its case against Alexander was released by the courts. According to the report, a 39-year-old father posted a Craigslist ad on March 26 saying he was looking for someone to split a motel room for a few days as he waited to move into his new home. He noted in the ad that he has a 2-year-old daughter. “No weirdos or drugs please,” the man added. The man soon received texts from an unknown messenger who eventually asked, “Would I ever be alone with your daughter?” When told no, the messenger replied he would go elsewhere. The father contacted the sheriff’s office. Deputies, after reading the texts, impersonated the father and texted back that the messenger could be alone with the girl if he paid for two nights of the motel room. The father and messenger eventually agreed to meet at the motel on Thursday, with the messenger bringing \$200. Detectives said they arrested Alexander when he arrived at the door with a condom stashed in his shoe. They say Alexander admitted sending the texts, saying he had a sexual addiction. He denied ever molesting a child before.

## Eating our lunch: Biden points to China in development push

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pushing for trillions of dollars in development spending, President Joe Biden and Democratic lawmakers are directing Americans’ eyes to the rear-view mirror, pointing to a booming, ambitious China they say is threatening to quickly overtake the United States in global clout and capacity.

It’s a national security pitch for a domestic spending program: that the \$2 trillion proposal for investments in U.S. transport and energy, manufacturing, internet and other sectors will make the United States more competitive in the face of Chinese President Xi Jinping’s massive infrastructure-building campaign.

The argument is that competition today with China is more about economic and technological gains than arms—and its outcome will impact the United States’ financial growth and influence, its ability to defend U.S. security alliances and interests abroad, and the daily lives of Americans.

China under Xi has “an overall goal to become the leading country in the world, the wealthiest country in the world, and the most powerful country in the world,” Biden

said before launching his proposal last week. “That’s not going to happen on my watch because the United States are going to continue to grow and expand.”

That pitch hasn’t won over Republicans. They say his proposal has been loaded down with unnecessary spending projects and that raising taxes will ultimately hurt the U.S. economy.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said Republicans could support a “much more modest” approach, one that doesn’t rely on corporate tax hikes to pay for it. Biden’s plan is “something we’re not going to do,” McConnell said Monday.

To varying degrees, addressing infrastructure has bipartisan support. Americans are experiencing outages, delays and irritations on transport and power systems designed in the 1960s and earlier. Meanwhile, China’s latest five-year plan calls for hundreds more airports, coal-fired power plants and other standard infrastructure projects. Xi also is calling for his country’s focus on “new infrastructure,” including investment in 5G networks and other digital infrastructure.

“Time and momentum are on our side,” Xi told a meeting of the Communist Party last year.

China spends more on infrastructure projects in other countries than the United States spends at home, said Jonathan Hillman, a China expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. That and China’s long-running economic boom, fueled in part by its domestic infrastructure spending, are helping China become more influential internationally, and may give it more confidence as it makes claims over Taiwan and other contested territory or advances its interests, some argue.

Using urgent warnings of a rival’s advances to press for more infrastructure and research spending is a Cold War-tested technique. Past American presidents pointed to the Soviet Union while building up the U.S. highway system, space program and arms stockpiles.

And in the case of infrastructure, Biden’s repeated warnings that China and other countries are “eating our lunch” are borne out by many crucial metrics, and by the observations of almost anyone who’s traveled abroad much.



# World

## UK to ease lockdown next week, will test vaccine passports

**LONDON** (AP)—Britain's slow but steady march out of a three-month lockdown remains on track even as coronavirus cases surge elsewhere in Europe, Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced Monday, as he confirmed that businesses from barbers to bookstores will

be allowed to reopen next week.

Johnson said it's too soon to decide, however, whether U.K. residents will be able to have summer trips abroad. He confirmed that the government will test out a contentious "vaccine passport" system—a way for people to offer proof they

have protection from COVID-19—as a tool to help travel and large events return safely.

Four weeks after England took its first step out of lockdown by reopening schools, Johnson said Britain's vaccination program was proceeding well and infections were

falling. He said the next step would come as planned on April 12, with the reopening of hairdressers, beauty salons, gyms, nonessential shops and bar and restaurant patios.

"We set out our road map and we're sticking to it," Johnson said during a news conference.

But, he added, "We can't be complacent. We can see the waves of sickness afflicting other countries, and we've seen how this story goes."

A ban on overnight stays away from home in England will also be lifted April 12, and outdoor venues such as zoos and drive-in cinemas can operate again.

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are following similar but slightly different paths out of lockdown.

Britain has recorded almost 127,000 coronavirus deaths, the highest toll in Europe. But infections and deaths both have fallen sharply during the current lockdown and since the start of a vaccination campaign that has given a first dose to more than 31 million people, or six in 10 adults.

The government aims to give all adults at least one shot of vaccine by July, and hopes that a combination of vaccination and mass testing will allow indoor socializing and

large-scale events to return.

It says all adults and children in England will be encouraged to have routine coronavirus tests twice a week as a way to stamp out new outbreaks. The government said free lateral flow tests will be available free starting Friday by mail, from pharmacies and in workplaces.

Lateral flow tests give results in minutes but are less accurate than the PCR swab tests used to officially confirm cases of COVID-19. But the government insists they are reliable and will help find people who contract the virus but don't have symptoms.

## Myanmar junta charges celebrities with promoting protests

**YANGON, Myanmar** (AP)—Myanmar's ruling junta stepped up its campaign against celebrities who support nationwide protests against its seizure of power, publishing wanted lists in the state press and warning against using their work.

The move follows weeks of escalating violence by security forces in breaking up street protests against the Feb. 1 coup that ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi. At least 570 protesters and bystanders, including 47 children, have been killed since the takeover, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, which monitors casualties and arrests

and says the true toll is likely higher. The coup reversed the country's gradual return to democracy after five decades of military rule.

The lists published Sunday and Monday in the Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper include actors, musicians and social media influencers charged with violating Section 505(A) of the Penal Code for "spreading news to affect state stability." The penalty for the offense is up to three years' imprisonment.

A chart filling most of a page lists 20 people, along with photos, hometowns and Facebook pages of each.

Several actors and directors

were also charged in February, but the campaign against celebrity protest supporters was stepped up last week when army-controlled Myawaddy TV broadcast a wanted list. There are now at least 60 people on such lists.

May Toe Khine, who describes herself in her Twitter profile as "Full Time Burmese Actress / Part Time Fashion Designer Student," tweeted after the TV announcement that her arrest warrant was "for simply doing my job as a civilian: using my platform to speak out the truth."

"Please always pay attention to news in Myanmar until we win," she wrote.

## India's daily virus cases soar past 100K for first time

**NEW DELHI** (AP)—India reported its biggest single-day spike in confirmed coronavirus cases since the pandemic began Monday, and officials in the hard-hit state home to Mumbai are resuming the closure of some businesses and places of worship in a bid to slow the spread.

The Health Ministry reported 103,558 new COVID-19 infections in the last 24 hours, topping the previous peak of 97,894 daily cases recorded in late September. Fatalities rose by 478, raising the country's death toll to 165,101.

India now has a seven-day rolling average of more than 73,000 cases per day and infections in the country are being reported faster than anywhere else in the world.

The biggest contributor to the surge has been the western state of Maharashtra, home to the commercial capital of Mumbai. The state has contributed more than 55% of total cases in the country in the last two weeks.

The state will start shutting cinemas, restaurants, shopping malls and places of worship from Monday evening. Authorities will also impose a complete lockdown at weekends.

Infections had receded in India for several months but started to rise again in late February. Since then, new cases have increased more than tenfold.

India has confirmed a new and potentially troublesome variant of the virus, but officials have cautioned against linking that or other variants to the surge.

Experts say the surge is blamed in part on growing disregard for social distancing and mask-wearing in public spaces, including public gatherings.

Some say the government has been sending mixed messages.

As health officials continue to warn of gatherings in public places, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his party leaders continue to hold mammoth rallies in several states where local elections are underway.

FIRST YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY

*We, the family of the late,*

**FRANCISCO FUJIHIRA BABAUTA**

would like to invite relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the First Year Death Anniversary of our beloved one.

Mass of Intention will be offered beginning:

April 01, 2021 (Thursday) 6:00pm  
St. Jude Church

April 02, 2021 (Friday)  
No mass, Good Friday

April 03, 2021 (Saturday) 7:00pm  
St. Jude Church

April 04, 2021 (Sunday) - 8:00am  
St. Jude Church


April 05, 2021 (Monday)  
Mass will be held at Mt. Carmel Cemetery  
5:00pm - Rosary followed by 5:30pm Mass  
(1st Monday of the month)

April 06, 2021 to April 09, 2021 - 6:00pm  
St. Jude Church

On Friday, April 09, 2021,  
after the final mass, dinner will be served at the  
family's residence in Dandan.

Your presence, thoughts,  
and prayers are greatly appreciated.


THANK YOU & SI YU'US MA'ASE  
*From Children & Grandchildren*



IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

**† Maria Camacho Castro**

MARCH 26, 1953 – MARCH 23, 2021



**In Her New Life, She now joins Her:**  
**Husband:** †Ricardo Camacho Castro  
**Parents:** †Joaquin Rios Camacho and †Gabela Borja Camacho  
**Sister:** †Ana Borja Camacho  
**Parents-in-law:** †Nicolas Torres Sablan and †Josepha Castro Sablan

**Her Memories will Forever live in the hearts of Her:**  
**Children:**  
 Richard C. Castro & Elizabeth V. Castro (Marylynn Marie, Lolaine Marie & Taylor John, Wilson Laurence, Fatima Louise, Richard Ric, Aubrey Ricci, Audrey Lizbeth)  
 Patrick C. Castro & Clarinda Aldan (Ashley & Jaymark [Rileyanne Havanna, Aiden James, Allison Jade], Patrick Harley, Charlotte & Billy [Hailey Dawn, Kylie Rose], Kristine Amadeaya, Patrick John)  
 Elaine C. Matagolai & Roy D. Matagolai (Cain Ricardo & Yuriko [Sasuke Zeke, Musashi Zion, Komachi Zyla Margarita], Kailene & Keoni [Avery Roy Lysander], Roy Allen Jr., Dakota Gabrielle)  
 Gabriel C. Castro & Amri Castro (Stephan, Migel, Aubrey, Aubyguel, Albert)  
 Jolene C. Castro & Robert C. Torres (Keona Kaylee & Chantilly, Ricardo Jay & Sophia, Kristan Rose, Avah Marie, Marley Rosa, Anthony Joseph, Gabriel Elias, Kilianna Mae & Khoen Alexander)  
 Maria Josepha C. Castro

**Siblings:**  
 Delfina C. & Joaquin M. Manglona & Family  
 Agueda B. Camacho & Family  
 Rosa C. & Francisco I. Aquino & Family  
 Joaquin B. Camacho & Family

**In-laws:**  
 Maria C. & †Jose Sablan & Family  
 Herman C. & Rita Santos & Family  
 David C. & Remedio Sablan & Family  
 Margarita C. Sablan & Family  
 Nicolas C. & Lucy Sablan & Family  
 †Edward Sablan  
 George C. & Bernadita Sablan & Family  
 Rudy C. & Elphidia Sablan & Family  
 †Remedio Sablan  
 Vicente C. & Lynn Sablan & Family  
 Ramon C. & Victoria Sablan & Family

She will be greatly missed by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Mass at San Jose Church, Sunday April 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.; Monday April 5, 2021 – Thursday April 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, April 9, 2021 at Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Responso at 9:00 a.m. followed by Public Viewing and Mass at 11:00 a.m. Burial will take place at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where she will be at peaceful rest.

Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase

*Children & Family*



# Good Housekeeping

By JAMES P. DEWAN  
THE DAILY MEAL

Don't get me wrong; I love lobster. Still, that armed and armored sea-spider, klaxon red and steaming on the platter can be frightening.

Which is why some of us with more delicate sensibilities might eschew serving the entire beast in favor of a simple and elegant lobster tail. Neat and tidy and nary a whit scary.

## Fresh vs. frozen

Lobster tails mostly come frozen, like ice cream and woolly mammoths. That's because, unlike your regular swimmy-type fishes—your anchovy, your bream, your cod—lobsters don't take well to being dead. They have enzymes that begin breaking down muscle immediately upon their demise, giving the meat a mushy, unsettling texture.

On top of that, once that lobster passes, numerous bacterial freeloaders begin multiplying like microbial rabbits and, while that may sound adorable, it can result in some nasty foodborne illnesses.

Flash freezing solves all of these problems by preserving the lobster in its pristine, ready-to-cook state.

## How to defrost lobster tail

When our lobster tails come frozen, we need to thaw them. Properly. None of this leaving them in the sun all afternoon like a beached and pokey nar-whal.

Store frozen tails in the freezer until the day before you want to cook them, then transfer them to the fridge to thaw overnight.

Or, if you bought them on a whim and want them now, now, now, do this: 90 minutes before dinner, put your frozen tails in a bowl in the sink. Fill the bowl with cold water and set it beneath a slow but steady stream of water. When the tails thaw, you'll be able to bend them easily, like an articulated straw.

## How to butterfly lobster tail

If you're serving your tails whole, you may want to butterfly them before cooking. This isn't necessary, but it makes for a swankier presentation while allowing all the meat equal access to the heat. A chef's knife is fine for this, but, if you have a good pair of kitchen shears, this is just the task for them.

Start at the part of the tail that used to have the rest of the lobster attached to it. Cut straight down the center of the top of the shell—not the



(EBERLY FILM LABS/THE DAILY MEAL/TNS)  
Lobster roll.

# Prep School: How to cook lobster tail

meat—all the way to the flippers. Don't cut the flippers.

Next, pry the two halves of the shell gently apart to expose the meat within. You can cook the tail just like this using any method.

If you want a schmancier presentation, though, try this (it's especially nice for steaming and dry heat methods): Peel the meat gently from the bottom of the shell, starting at the where-the-lobster-was side, leaving it attached at the flipper. Lift the meat—still attached near the flipper—up and out of the shell. Push the two halves of the shell back together and lay the meat on top to resemble a crustacean sarcophagus. Finally, if you want, score the meat down the center and open the two thin sheets to the sides like a theatrical curtain to reveal the glistening translucence within.

## How to cook lobster tail

Lobster tails can be boiled or steamed (called moist heat methods), or baked (a.k.a. roasted), broiled or grilled (dry heat methods). Regardless of method, figure very roughly about 60 to 90 seconds cooking time per ounce of tail, with that ratio increasing somewhat

for larger pieces.

While I generally prefer dry heat, one advantage to moist heat is that its temperatures tend to be lower, which means there's less risk of overcooking. I like moist heat if I'm planning to take the meat out of the shell and use it for something else, like lobster rolls (see accompanying recipe) or a nice pasta dish.

To cook your lobster tails, both boiling and steaming are easy: Just slip them into a huge pot of boiling water or set them on a steam rack. Something to consider is that, like shrimp—which are also all tail—lobster tails tend to curl up when cooked. Thus, you might want to insert a skewer through the meat down the length of the tail before cooking, although this is not generally done when the meat's on top of the shell.

If you're going with dry heat, after you butterfly the shell, brush the meat with melted butter or olive oil and season it with salt. You can also add some flavoring ingredients. Freshly ground black pepper is easy and timeless. A sprinkle of garlic powder or paprika never hurt anyone. Or do a spice rub like Old Bay or something Cajun-style for a

bit of heat. Remember: if your rub contains salt, you don't need to add it separately.

As for baking, I prefer high heat—say, 425 degrees F. Simply set the butterflied, oiled and seasoned lobster tails on a parchment- or foil-covered sheet pan and bake until done.

Unless you have limitless funds for experimentation, I'd go with baking over broiling for those just starting out.

The variables involved in broiling—oven heat, flame strength, rack height—make it much more challenging and therefore much more reliant on luck your first couple of times out. I'm not saying you shouldn't broil lobster tails; I'm just saying that every time you do, remember what worked and what didn't so that next time you can make adjustments in the time, the temperature, the rack height, etc.

The same is true with grilling—lots of variables. You can grill it meat-side down (butterflied but still in shell) to get a little color, then flip, baste with butter and continue grilling until done. Or, you prep it like for baking, with the meat displayed on top, then grill it, covered, over indirect heat. Trust, me, though: if you're

new to this, baking will be the easiest route with the strongest chance of success.

And, speaking of success, let's talk about how we know when the lobster tail is done. Regardless of your method, the shell should be bright red and the meat should be opaque and milky white inside. If you've got a meat thermometer—please tell me you have a meat thermometer—the temperature should be between 135 and 140 degrees F. If it's less than that, keep cooking. If it's way more than that, lower your head, shut your eyes and curse under your breath, then promise yourself that next time you'll keep a better eye on the time.

Irrespective of perfection, serve your lobster tails immediately with loads of melted butter and lots of fresh sides. You'll be happy no matter what.

## LOBSTER ROLLS

Traditionally, lobster rolls are served on flat-sided “split top” buns. As these are not ubiquitous, any good quality, fresh hot dog bun will do. And speaking of hot dog buns, the celery salt garnish is a nod to the Chicago-style hot-dog.

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cooking time: 2 minutes  
Makes 2 servings  
2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
1 tablespoon diced celery  
1 tablespoon diced onion  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1/2 pound cooked lobster meat, cut roughly into 1/2-inch chunks  
Salt as needed  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 hot dog buns  
1/3 cup shredded lettuce  
Celery salt, for garnish (optional)  
Chives, minced, for garnish (optional)

Step 1: In a mixing bowl, combine 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon diced celery, 1 tablespoon diced onion and 1 tablespoon lemon juice.

Step 2: Fold in lobster meat and a pinch of salt. Taste and adjust for seasoning.

Step 3: Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a medium sauté pan until it starts to foam. As foam subsides, open each hot dog bun wide and place them split-side down into hot butter. Toast until golden brown, about 1 minute, then remove to individual plates.

Step 4: Divide the 1/3 cup shredded lettuce evenly between buns, then top with lobster mixture. Garnish with optional celery salt and chives and serve immediately.



# Life & Style

## Prayer vigil held outside NY hospital for rapper DMX

**WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.** (AP)—Supporters and family of the rapper DMX chanted his name and offered up prayers Monday outside the New York hospital where he remained on life support.

The 50-year-old was admitted to the hospital on Friday, following a heart attack.

The crowd outside White Plains Hospital called "DMX! DMX!" and when urged to by the main speaker, crossed their

arms in the shape of an X. A woman's sobs reverberated as those in the audience heard a recording of the rapper, whose birth name is Earl Simmons.

Simmons' longtime lawyer, Murray Richman, said Sunday

that the rapper was admitted to the intensive care unit but he was not sure what caused the heart attack.

DMX made his rap debut in 1998, and has released seven albums in a career that has included three Grammy nominations. He also acted in several movies.

But substance abuse has been a struggle for him over the years, including in 2019 when he canceled shows to go to a rehabilitation facility.

Nevertheless, he retained his standing among fans. An on-line face-off last year with fellow rapper Snoop Dogg as part of the Verzuz series brought more than 500,000 viewers.



DMX's ex-wife Tashera Simmons, left, and his fiancé Desiree Lindstrom embrace during a prayer vigil outside of White Plains Hospital, Monday, April 5, 2021, in White Plains, N.Y. AP

### Pinch-pounder: Black Keys drummer fills in at Indians opener

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—Patrick Carney wasn't nervous before his first live drumming gig in more than a year, just honored.

A lifelong Indians fan and one half of The Black Keys, the Grammy Award-winning rock duo from Akron, Ohio, Carney filled in Monday at Cleveland's home opener for drummer John Adams, who is recovering from heart surgery.

Adams missed his first home opener since 1973, ending a run that has featured him sitting high in the left-field bleachers and pounding a

steady beat whenever the Indians are hitting.

Carney was thrilled to be able to sit in for Adams.

"I'm stoked to be here for John," Carney told the Associated Press about two hours before the Indians hosted the Kansas City Royals at Progressive Field. "It's the best seat in the house and I wish John could be here, obviously. When I heard he wasn't healthy enough to make it, I thought it was good way to pay some respect to him and show him some love."

Before he could begin banging away, Carney was be-

stowed drumming duties by Adams during a video presentation in the first inning.

Carney's appearance didn't spark the Indians, who managed just three hits and were shut out 3-0 by the Royals.

Carney said he attended his first Indians game in Cleveland when he was "5 or 6" and that one of his close friends who accompanied him to that game decades ago was attending the opener.

Like so many musical acts, Black Keys haven't on a stage since just before the COVID-19 pandemic shut down normal life.

### AP's Nixon wins News Leader of the Year award from NLA

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Ron Nixon, global investigations editor at The Associated Press, has won the first-ever News Leader of the Year award from the News Leaders Association.

Nixon's investigative team produced an award-winning series on labor abuses in the palm oil industry. He was nominated by his team, which credited Nixon's leadership in building diversity and infusing the company with greater investigative capacity.

The association also honored The Guardian and Kaiser Health News for their

work accounting for deaths among front-line medical workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other award winners include Jack Dolan and Brittny Mejia of The Los Angeles Times for

an investigation on delays in medical care; The New York Times for coverage of police misconduct; Stephanie Clifford, who wrote about the relationship between a journalist and Martin Shkreli, the "pharma bro," for Elle magazine; The City, for work



**Nixon**

on obituaries in collaboration with Columbia Journalism School and the Craig Newmark Graduate School for Journalism at CUNY; Jenee Osterheldt of The Boston Globe for opinion writing on race and culture; and Kelu Chao and the journalists of Voice of America for standing up for the rights of journalists.

The News Leaders Association advocates for a free press and helps train future leaders in journalism.

### Harvey Weinstein appeals conviction, blames 'cavalier' judge

**NEW YORK** (AP)—More than a year after Harvey Weinstein's rape conviction, his lawyers are demanding a new trial, arguing in court papers Monday that the landmark #MeToo prosecution that put him behind bars was buoyed by improper rulings from a judge who was "cavalier" in protecting the disgraced movie mogul's right to a fair trial.

In a 166-page brief filed with a state appellate court, Weinstein's lawyers took repeated aim at Manhattan Judge James Burke, arguing that he swayed the trial's outcome with repeated rulings favorable to prosecutors—including a decision allowing additional accusers to testify about allegations that never led to criminal charges.

Weinstein's lawyers also challenged Burke's refusal to remove a juror who had written a novel involving preda-

tory older men, as well as his decision to allow prosecutors to have an expert on victim behavior and rape myths testify while rejecting testimony on similar subjects from defense experts.

"Mr. Weinstein had a right to a fair trial by an impartial jury," lawyers Barry Kamins, John Leventhal and Diana Fabi-Samson wrote in the brief. "The trial court should have exercised the utmost vigilance in protecting this most important right of the defendant," they wrote. "Instead, the trial court was cavalier in its obligation to safeguard this right and the consequences for Mr. Weinstein were disastrous."

Weinstein, 69, was convicted in February 2020 of a criminal sex act for forcibly performing oral sex on a TV



**Weinstein**

and film production assistant in 2006 and rape in the third degree for an attack on an aspiring actress in 2013.

He was acquitted of first-degree rape and two counts of predatory sexual as-

sault stemming from actor Anabella Sciorra's allegations of a mid-1990s rape—testimony that his lawyers said Monday was so dated it should never have been allowed.

Burke sentenced Weinstein to 23 years in state prison, which his lawyers argued Monday was "unduly harsh and excessive." Given his previously clean criminal record, renowned career as an Oscar-winning movie producer and history of charitable giving, Weinstein's lawyers argued he deserved a significantly lighter sentence.

## Loving relationship stops short of intimacy

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently met a man, and I have fallen in love with him. He says he feels the same way and tells me often that I treat him better than anybody ever has.

Unfortunately, when the time came to move our relationship to an intimate level, I found my attraction to him was one-sided. When I asked him why, he said he did not find me desirable because of my weight. He also mentioned that in the past he had always dated "Barbie dolls" who did him wrong, so he decided to look for something different, and that's when he found me.

I don't understand how you can love someone and not desire them. What are your thoughts?

ONE-SIDED IN TEXAS

**DEAR ONE-SIDED:** This man may love your many attributes—intelligence, honesty, sense of humor, etc.—but he is not IN love. If you want a romantic relationship, you need to find someone who values you for YOURSELF—inside and out. Give him marks for honesty and send him back to his Barbie dolls because you deserve better, and he deserves more of the same.

**DEAR ABBY:** While I was battling cancer, my husband vanished into thin air with all our money. It has been years now, and we finally were divorced, but I have never been able

to get over what he did to me. Talking to professionals helped some, but I still wonder what happened.

We were together for 20 years. I was left in a remote part of Alaska to fend for myself when I could hardly get around after the surgery and radiation treatments. It's like he wanted me dead. How can I possibly get over what I thought was the love of my life?

CAN'T LET GO

**DEAR CAN'T LET GO:** Your husband may have been the love of your life, but the love of HIS life was ... him. That he not only ran when the chips were down but cleaned out the bank account, leaving you battling a life-threatening illness, was beyond the pale. Why he did it was fear, weakness and lack of character.

Having prevailed over cancer and poverty, getting over your ex should be a cinch. However, finding the ability to trust again may be another matter, and no one would blame you if you couldn't do it. An important step forward might be more counseling to help you cope.

**DEAR ABBY:** My friend has an adult child with a drug addiction. Sometimes when we are together, this child will call begging for money. My friend gives in every time. She feels terrible about doing it but can't seem to say no. She has attended several Nar-Anon meetings, but no longer wants to go

### DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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because she says it's depressing. As a friend, what's the best way to support her?

HER CARING FRIEND

**DEAR FRIEND:** Although those meetings may be "depressing," they can also be enlightening if someone is open to it. Point out to your friend that even MORE depressing would be losing a child to addiction and knowing that she was the enabler. Then volunteer to attend meetings with your friend until she gains the strength to act responsibly.

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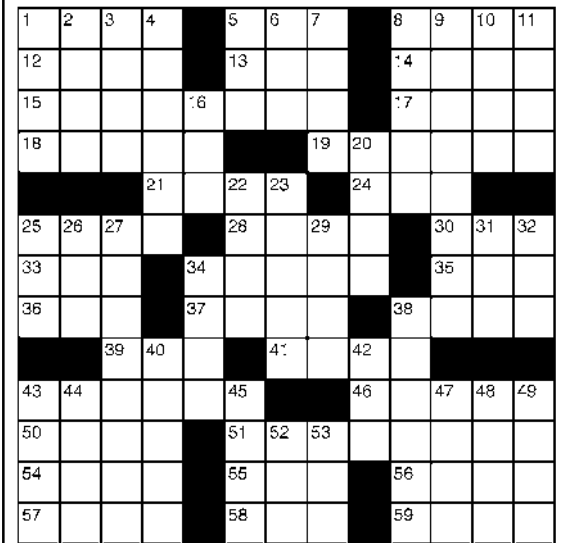
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Shine a light on what you accomplish. Present your thoughts and actions with clarity, determination and the will to succeed. Use your connections and credentials to wiggle your way into a position that interests you. Personal gain is apparent. \*\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Keep your life simple, your thoughts in perspective, and stick to a moderate lifestyle. Too much of anything will lead you down the wrong path. Focus on disciplined activities, taking care of your responsibilities and doing your best to excel. \*\*

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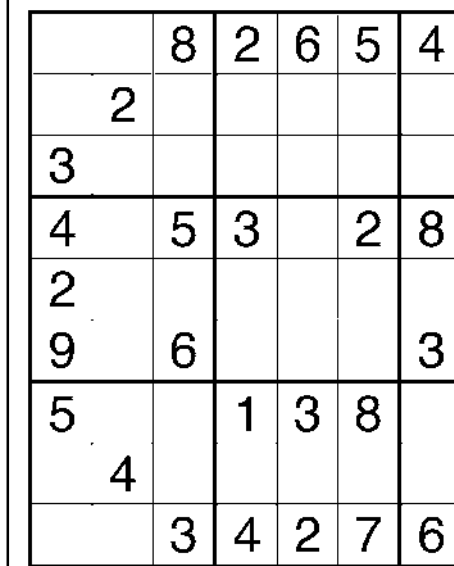
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**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Make a domestic change, but don't go over budget. Price everything out to ensure you get what you want at the cost you can afford. Refuse to let anyone play on your emotions. If someone asks for too much, say no. \*\*\*\*\*

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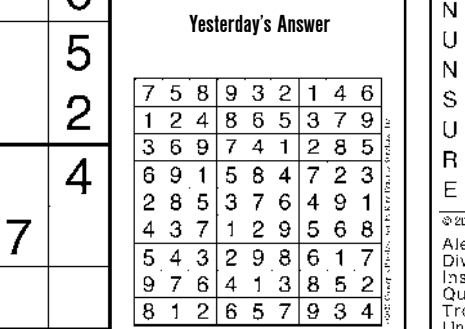
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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You won't get along with everyone today, so keep your opinion to yourself. Bide your time, check out new possibilities and make a domestic adjustment that will ease stress and add to your comfort and convenience. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Spring forward with enthusiasm. Get fit, healthy and ready for your next adventure. Look for prospects that interest you, and start conversations that can lead to a new and exciting position. Personal gain and physical fitness are favored. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Look for new ways to use your skills, knowledge and attributes. Connect with someone you enjoy collaborating with, and the suggestions offered will lead to a better position. Don't share your plans with someone who criticizes you prematurely. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are smart, charming and dedicated. You are outgoing and proactive. \* Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. \*\* You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. \*\*\* Focus and you'll reach your goals. \*\*\*\* Aim high; start new projects. \*\*\*\*\* Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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# Doncic's 31 points pace Mavs over NBA-leading Jazz



**DALLAS** (AP)—Luka Doncic scored 31 points and Dorian Finney-Smith added a season-high 23 as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Utah Jazz 111-103 on Monday night for their season-best fifth straight win.

The NBA-leading Jazz had their nine-game winning streak halted.

Jalen Brunson scored 20 points, Josh Richardson 17 and Tim Hardaway Jr. 16 as Dallas won for the first time in three games versus Utah this season. Kristaps Porzingis, Dallas' No. 2 scorer and leading rebounder, sat out with a sprained right wrist.

Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle was pleased to hold the NBA's No. 3 scoring team, averaging 117.2 points going in, to its lowest point total since Feb. 7 after losing the previous two games in the season series at Utah in late January.

"To hold these guys to 103 is a hell of a job," Carlisle said. "The difference was we just came out and we were much more physical than we were last time we played them. That was a long time ago; that was light years ago."

Mike Conley scored 28 points to lead the Jazz, who trailed by as many as 18 points. Donovan Mitchell, Bojan Bogdanovic and Jordan

Clarkson scored 16 each, and Rudy Gobert had 14 points and 15 rebounds.

Dallas beat Utah at its long-range game. The Mavericks were 23 for 49 from behind the arc; their highs this season from behind the arc are 25 makes and 50 attempts. The Jazz, who were leading the NBA averaging 17.1 3-pointers per game and ranked second hitting 39.8% from long range, went 12 for 44 (27.3%). They were 9 for 23 in the first half. Likewise, they previously led the league holding opponents to 30.5 3-point attempts and 10.4 made from long range.

"For us to lose that game only by eight, that says a lot about us," said Mitchell, who went into play averaging 25.6 points and scored only four in the first half while shooting 2 for 13 from the floor and 0 for 5 on 3-pointers. "The biggest thing is not to overreact."

Jazz coach Quin Snyder cited both his team's off shooting night and the Mavericks' defense for the low percentage of 3-pointers.

"When we were able to move the ball, really attack and get in the lane, we created some," Snyder said.

## Raptors 103, Wizards 101

In Tampa, Fla., Gary Trent Jr. beat the buzzer with a long

3-pointer and the Toronto Raptors rallied from a 19-point second-half deficit to beat the Washington Wizards 103-101 on Monday night.

Pascal Siakam led Toronto with 22 points, and DeAndre Bembry and rookie Malachi Flynn led a fourth-quarter charge for the Raptors, who won consecutive games for the first time since Feb. 19-21.

Russell Westbrook had 23 points, 14 rebounds and 11 assists for the Wizards, who have lost four straight.

Washington led 101-100 when Siakam was called for a charge with 27 seconds left. Raul Neto missed a reverse layup with 5.5 seconds left and Trent got the rebound.

"I almost called (a timeout) but I thought there's plenty of time to get it up there and get off a shot," Raptors coach Nick Nurse said. "There's lots of reasons not to take it, and we were fortunate this time. We were due."

Trent, playing in only his sixth game as a Raptor, dribbled straight down the floor, used his forearm to create some separation from Neto and launched a shot from beyond the top of the key. He finished with 16 points.

## Nets 114, Knicks 112

In New York, Kyrie Irving scored 40 points, Jeff Green made two free throws with 3.7 seconds left and the Brooklyn Nets overcome the early loss of James Harden to beat the New York Knicks 114-112 on Monday night.

Harden returned after missing two games with right hamstring tightness but lasted just four minutes before having to leave again with the same injury. But even short-handed and on the second night of a back-to-back, the Nets had enough.

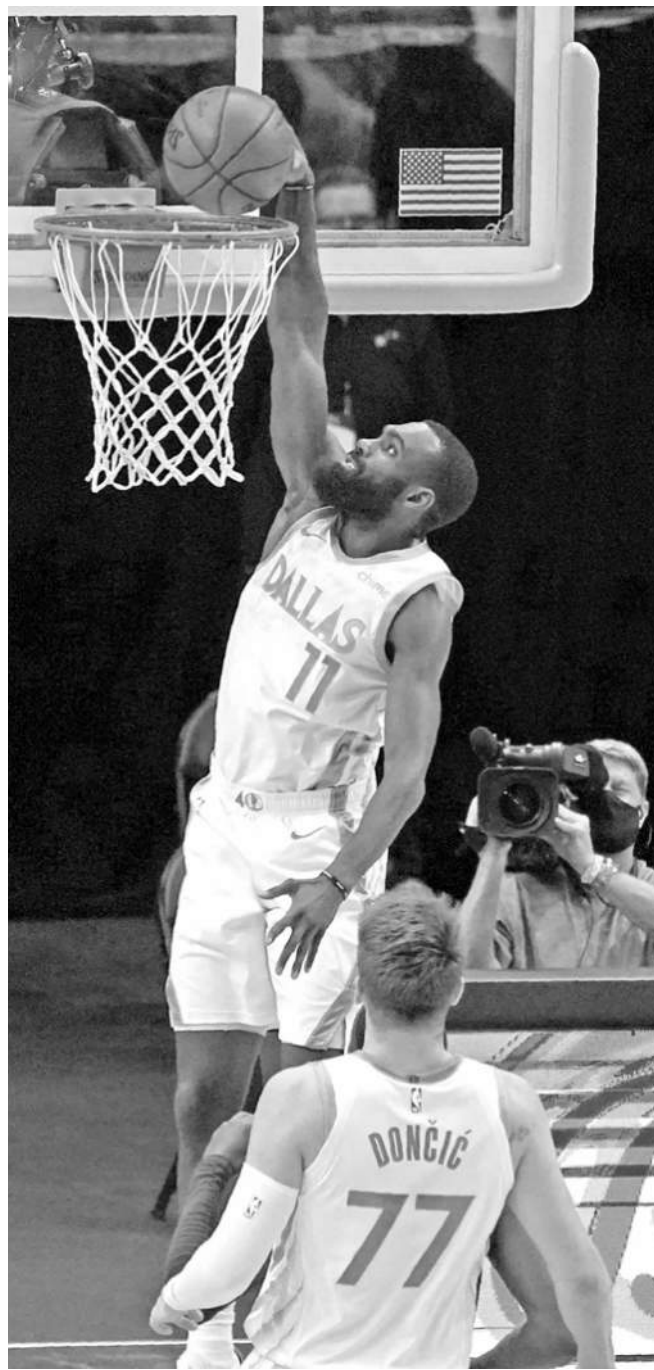
"It was a total team effort," Irving said. "A lot of guys stepped up, especially our bench. They came in and made a difference, and when we got guys out, injury bug, we need that more than ever."

Irving wore down the Knicks' defense with his dazzling dribbling moves that freed up space for jumpers, including a 3-pointer with 59 seconds left after New York had closed within two.

"He's just an amazing basketball player and he found a way to keep our team in it for big stretches," coach Steve Nash said, "and a lot of guys played really well when he was out, gave us a lift and then he was able to come in and close. So, brilliant performance and really gutsy from everybody."

## Timberwolves 116, Kings 106

In Minneapolis, D'Angelo



Dallas Mavericks guard Luka Doncic (77) watches forward Tim Hardaway Jr. (11) dunk the ball in the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Utah Jazz in Dallas, Monday, April 5, 2021. Doncic had the assist on the play.

ma City Thunder 132-108 on Monday night.

Grant played three seasons for the Thunder, and then was traded after the 2018-19 season. He looked at home during his return, making 7 of 15 shots and adding five rebounds and five assists in just 23 minutes.

Josh Jackson and Sekou Doumbouya scored 14 points apiece for Detroit, which was coming off a 125-81 home loss to the New York Knicks on Saturday — the franchise's worst defeat since a 44-point loss in 1994.

Pistons coach Dwane Casey wondered how his team would bounce back, and he liked what he saw. Detroit shot 52% from the field.

"More than the victory itself, the response, the way we came out and played — the approach we had was a very energetic, together approach, and that's something that was important," he said.

Aleksej Pokusevski scored 19 points for the Thunder, and Svi Mykhailiuk had 17. Mykhailiuk was acquired in a trade with Detroit last month.

## Cavaliers 125, Spurs 101

In San Antonio, Darius Garland scored a career-high 37 points, and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the San Antonio Spurs 125-101 on Monday night to snap a five-game skid.

Collin Sexton added 22 points for Cleveland. Isaiah Hartenstein scored a season-high 16, and Taurean Prince finished with 14.

"I actually said something at shootaround early this morning," Garland said. "I was like, 'It's going to be a good day.' Everybody was locked in during shootaround, no horseplaying."

San Antonio finished the longest homestand in franchise history at 2-7, dropping from seventh to ninth in the Western Conference. It marked the fourth time during the homestand that an opponent beat the Spurs to snap a losing streak.

"We look like we are fried," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "We just look tired. Cup is less than half-filled, it seems."

DeMar DeRozan had 25 points for San Antonio. Rudy Gay, Derrick White and Keldon Johnson each had 13 points.

## NBA BRIEFS

### Atlanta's Hunter has nonsurgical procedure on ailing knee

**ATLANTA** (AP)—Atlanta Hawks forward De'Andre Hunter continues to struggle with an ailing right knee, undergoing a nonsurgical procedure Monday to address lingering soreness. The team said Hunter will return to activity later this week. It's not known how much longer he'll be out after missing 29 of Atlanta's last 31 games. Amid a break-out second season with the Hawks, Hunter underwent arthroscopic surgery on Feb. 8. He was sidelined for 23 games before returning to the court March 22 against the Los Angeles Clippers. Hunter's return was short-lived. He played only two games before the knee began acting up again, causing him to sit out Atlanta's last six contests. The fourth overall pick in the 2019 NBA draft from Virginia, Hunter was emerging as one of Atlanta's top players at the time of his injury. He ranks third on the team in scoring (16.0 points per game), providing another offensive weapon to go with Trae Young and John Collins. The Hawks have been

hit hard by injuries this season as they vie for their first playoff appearance since 2017. Collins, Cam Reddish and Kris Dunn are currently sidelined along with Hunter.

### Sources: ESPN fires Paul Pierce after racy video

NBA analyst Paul Pierce has been fired by ESPN, people familiar with the situation confirmed Monday. The people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not allowed to publicly comment on personnel matters. The news was first reported by Barrett Sports Media. Pierce, who played 19 seasons in the NBA, had worked for the network since 2017, including being a part of the "NBA Countdown" pregame show. He posted an Instagram video Friday night that showed him playing poker and smoking with scantily clad dancers performing in the background. Pierce, the MVP of the 2008 NBA Finals with the Boston Celtics, addressed his future on Twitter, posting, "Big Things coming soon stay tuned make sure u smile #Truthshallsetufree." (AP)

Russell scored 25 points in his return from knee surgery and Karl-Anthony Towns had 23 points and 13 rebounds for the Minnesota Timberwolves in a 116-106 win against the Sacramento Kings on Monday night.

Anthony Edwards scored 19 points for Minnesota and started the Timberwolves' push in the fourth after the teams went back and forth for three quarters. Russell continued Minnesota's push ahead with a pair of 3-pointers in the fourth. He scored 13 of his points in the fourth.

Russell came off the bench in his first game since Feb. 8. He missed 26 games.

"It felt good," Russell said of playing with Towns. "I think when you put players out there that just know how to play basketball and try to take advantage of the opportunity each possession. More likely than not, it's going to be a nice little vibe out there. So, it was cool."

Juancho Hernangomez added 17 points and nine rebounds for the Wolves off the bench as Minnesota's reserves outscored Sacramento's bench 60-16.

De'Aaron Fox had 31 points for the Kings, who lost their fourth in a row. Harrison Barnes added 21 points and 12 rebounds, and Buddy Hield scored 18.

## Suns 133, Rockets 130

In Houston, Devin Booker scored 18 of his 36 points in the fourth quarter, and the Phoenix Suns beat the Houston Rockets 133-130 on Monday night for their sixth straight win.

Deandre Ayton matched a season high with 27 points as Phoenix won for the ninth time in 10 games overall. Mikal Bridges had 20 points, and Chris Paul finished with 19 points and 11 assists.

"I was just taking what the defense gave me," Booker said. "I got a couple of quick easy 3s and was just trying to win the game. That's a hard-fighting team over there. A couple of times, we had the opportunity to put them away, but they didn't go anywhere. We wanted to get this one bad."

Phoenix led 101-92 after three quarters, but Houston opened the fourth with a 9-0 run. Houston trailed by nine again with a minute left, but Jae'Sean Tate and Kelly Olynyk made back-to-back 3-pointers for the Rockets.

## Pistons 132, Pistons 108

In Oklahoma City, Jerami Grant scored 21 points against his former team, and the Detroit Pistons beat the Oklaho-



# Stanton's 471-foot slam lifts Yankees over O's, 7-0



**NEW YORK**

( A P ) —

Giancarlo Stanton turned on a 92 mph pitch from Shawn Armstrong and sent the ball soaring over the visitors' bullpen and into Yankee Stadium's left-bleachers.

The small crowd at New York's first night game of the season buzzed.

When the ball came down, it landed in a fan gathering area called Frank's Red Hot Terrace, 471 feet from home plate, near the newly repopulated deep seats.

Stanton's eighth career grand slam carried the New York over Baltimore 7-0 Monday night and handed the Orioles their first loss this season.

"It's kind of everything rolls in sync and, yeah, like sometimes things go not in a black-out, but just there's no sound," Stanton said, trying to explain the feeling of launching a ball farther than even most major leaguers can.

"There's not anything except you watching the flight of the ball," he said. "You don't know anything else that's going on. It's a very cool feeling. It's hard to describe very specific."

New York was ahead 1-0 on Aaron Judge's fourth-inning homer when starter Jorge López (0-1) walked the bases loaded in the fifth and Armstrong forced in a run with a walk to slumping Aaron Hicks.

Stanton followed with the longest homer of the young season.

"The way he hits 'em, it's just different. It's like nothing else," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "He is a unicorn. I mean, that ball was just so pure on a night where it's probably not flying great and just hits it through the Stadium."

Stanton had been booed when he struck out in the first, dropping to 0 for 9.

"I try my best when I'm out there, so I can't worry about all of that," he said.

Armstrong, making his season debut after coming off the paternity list, crouched on the mound. Coming off an opening, sweep at Boston, the Orioles never closed close after that.

New York improved to 8-0 when Judge and Stanton homered in the same game, including three postseason wins.

Judge reached out for a thigh-high fastball for his go-ahead homer in the fourth. The 344-foot, opposite-field drive to the right-field short porch would have been a home run in only two other big league ballparks, Houston and Seattle. Judge became the second-fastest to 120 homers by reaching the figure in 428 games, behind only Ryan Howard's 391.

"I don't think mine went as far as Big G's, but they wherever they go, they still count," Judge said.

Both Judge and Stanton hit their first home runs of the season.

## Blue Jays 6, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Steven Matz struck out nine in his Toronto debut, Marcus Semien and Cavan Biggio hit back-to-back homers and the Blue Jays spoiled Texas' home opener before the largest MLB crowd since the pandemic.

Toronto, 3-1 for the first time since 2015, went ahead 4-0 in the second after Biggio's solo homer followed a two-out, two-run shot by Semien off Texas starter Mike Foltyniewicz (0-1).

The Rangers announced a sellout crowd of 38,283 for their 50th home opener in Texas, the second in the \$1.2 billion retractable-roof stadium that has a listed capacity of 40,518 — the announced attendance doesn't include complimentary tickets. They played all 30 home games in the stadium's debut season without fans last summer.

Matz (1-0) allowed one run and two hits over 6 1/3 innings.

## Cubs 5, Brewers 3

In Chicago, Willson Contreras, Javier Báez and David Bote homered during a four-run fourth inning to lift Chicago over Milwaukee.

Trevor Williams pitched perfectly until Omar Narváez's leadoff single in the sixth — Narváez also broke up a no-hit bid in the eighth inning Saturday against Minnesota. Narváez added a three-run homer in the seventh.

Williams (1-0) was making his Cubs debut after five seasons with Pittsburgh. He pitched into the seventh, allowing two runs, two hits and two walks while striking out six. Alec Mills, who no-hit Milwaukee as a starter last September, pitched the ninth for his first save.

Brett Anderson (0-1) allowed all of Chicago's homers, giving up four runs and four hits over five innings while striking out four.

## Phillies 5, Mets 3

In Philadelphia, A throwing error by New York third baseman Luis Guillorme allowed the go-ahead runs to score, and Philadelphia used a five-run eighth inning to rally past New York after Jacob deGrom dominated through six.

Francisco Lindor was 1 for 4 with a single and a walk in his debut with the Mets, which was delayed after a three-game series against Washington got wiped out because of



a coronavirus outbreak among the Nationals.

DeGrom was spectacular, striking out seven and allowing three hits. Miguel Castro pitched the seventh for the Mets but newcomer Trevor May (0-1) only got one out in the eighth, when Guillorme's errant throw helped Philly take a 5-2 lead.

Connor Brogdon (2-0) worked the eighth for the win and Jose Alvarado pitched out of trouble in the ninth for his first save.

## Reds 5, Pirates 3

In Cincinnati, Nick Castellanos hit a go-ahead homer in the seventh inning hours after deciding to appeal a two-game suspension for his part in a brawl, and Cincinnati beat Pittsburgh.

Mike Moustakas tied it at 2 in the fifth with his first home run of the season, a solo shot to right field off Luis Oviedo. Moustakas also doubled and scored in the eighth. Sean Doolittle (1-0) struck out two in a perfect seventh, and Amir Garrett allowed a run but completed his first save.

Castellanos connected off Sam Howard (0-1) for his third homer of the season. He admired the shot as he walked out of the box, whipped his bat toward the home dugout and yelled toward teammates as he shuffled toward first.

## Red Sox 11, Rays 2

In Boston, Xander Bogaerts had four hits, including a Little League home run — a double, with two ill-advised throws that allowed him to score — and Boston got on the board with 16 hits and its first win of the season.

J.D. Martinez banged a three-run homer halfway up the Pesky Pole in the eighth, and Franchy

Cordero, Alex Verdugo and Hunter Renfroe all had two hits apiece after coming into the game batting .000.

Nick Pivetta (1-0) gave up two hits in five shutout innings, walking four and striking out four to end the Rays' eight-game winning streak at Fenway Park.

Michael Wacha (0-1) was charged with five runs — four earned — on eight hits and two walks, striking out six in five innings.

## Royals 3, Indians 0

In Cleveland, Danny Duffy pitched six innings of two-hit ball to beat a longtime nemesis and Whit Merrifield drove in all of Kansas City's runs with a homer and sacrifice fly.

Duffy (1-0) came in with 12 career losses against the Indians — his most against any team. But the left-hander was in control from the outset and beat them for the fifth time. Scott Barlow pitched two perfect innings and Jesse Hahn put two on in the ninth before completing Kansas City's three-hit shutout and getting the save.

Merrifield connected for his third homer in the second inning off Indians starter Logan Allen (0-1). Merrifield added his sacrifice fly in the seventh.

## Twins 15, Tigers 6

In Detroit, Nelson Cruz hit a grand slam after a near miss and added a solo homer and a double, Matt Shoemaker held Detroit hitless into the fifth inning and Minnesota rolled.

Akil Baddoo hit a grand slam for the Tigers. He made his big league debut Sunday and homered on the first pitch thrown to him. José Ureña (0-1) lasted only three innings in his Tigers debut.

Shoemaker (1-0) held the

Tigers without a hit until Wilson Ramos homered with two outs in the fifth. He allowed three hits in six innings with five strikeouts and earned his first victory since April 9, 2019, before he was beset by injuries.

## Cardinals 4, Marlins 1

In Miami, Yadier Molina hit a bases-loaded double during a three-run first inning, and Daniel Ponce de Leon and St. Louis bullpen protected the lead.

Ponce de Leon (1-0) allowed one run and three hits in five innings. The right-hander struck out three, walked one and hit Starling Marte twice. St. Louis got a perfect sixth from Jordan Hicks and two scoreless innings from Giovanni Gallegos. Alex Reyes closed it with a scoreless ninth for his first save.

Miami starter Trevor Rogers (0-1) walked four batters in the first, propelling St. Louis to its early advantage. Rogers allowed two hits, struck out six and didn't walk another batter after the first. He went four innings.

## Giants 3, Padres 2

In San Diego, pinch-hitter Mike Yastrzemski hit a go-ahead home run in the seventh inning and Darin Ruf and Evan Longoria also connected to lead the San Francisco Giants to a 3-2 victory Monday night against the San Diego Padres, who lost star shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. with a partially dislocated left shoulder.

Tatis was injured taking a hard swing for strike three in the third inning. He winced in pain as he fell to the ground and cradled his left arm. Manager Jayce Tingler and a trainer held Tatis' left arm against his body as he walked off the field.

Tatis signed a 14-year, \$340

million contract on Feb. 22,

the longest deal in big league history.

## Dodgers 10, Athletics 3

In Oakland, Calif., Will Smith homered off the left-field foul pole, Corey Seager and Zach McKinstry each drove in three runs, and the Los Angeles Dodgers pounded the winless Oakland Athletics 10-3 on Monday night.

Justin Turner also went deep as the defending World Series champions provided plenty of support for starter Dustin May (1-0). Seager hit a three-run double, and McKinstry had two RBI singles and a sacrifice fly.

May, who was 3-1 in 10 starts and two relief outings during the shortened 2020 season, struck out eight and walked two over six scoreless innings. He allowed only two hits.

With Dodger Blue making up most of the 6,653 fans in attendance, it sure sounded like a Los Angeles home game.

The reigning AL West champion A's dropped to 0-5 for the third time in franchise history and first since 1987. Oakland also lost its initial five games in 1979 — both that year and in '87 the club won its sixth game.

## White Sox 6, Mariners 0

In Seattle, Yermín Mercedes continued his early season tear with three hits, Carlos Rodon struck out nine and the Chicago White Sox three-hit the Seattle Mariners 6-0 on Monday night.

Mercedes is the first player since at least 1900 to total 12 hits in his first four career starts — all in the first week of this season. He was also the first player since at least 1900 to start a season 8 for 8. The 28-year-old designated hitter is up to 12 of 18.

Yasmani Grandal hit his 150th homer, driving in three and scoring twice to help Chicago snap a two-game skid.

Rodon (1-0) allowed two hits over five innings in his first appearance of the season. Michael Kopech followed with five strikeouts over two innings, allowing a walk and a hit, and José Ruiz closed out with two perfect innings.

AP



# Chae upsets foes in U12 singles

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Hannah Chae prevailed in the 2021 SIS Student Council Tennis Tournament girls U12 singles division, sweeping all her games last Sunday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

Chae proved slow starts can always be salvaged, as demonstrated in her finals match against Jeong Bin Park. Chae was crowned the champion following a challenging finals match where she lost the first set, 2-6. However, she managed to redeem herself in the next two sets, coasting past Park with a 6-4, 10-7 victory.

The division champ advanced to the semifinals after a bye in the quarterfinals.

Once in the semis, Chae came out on top with an easy 4-0, 4-0 victory over Eun Ho Park who struggled to gain entrance to the Final Four.

She battled Anne Lee in the quarterfinals taking an easy first set, 4-1, before falling short in the second, 1-4, she eventually regained momentum in the third set with an impressive 10-4 victory.

The division's runner-up, Park, managed to sweep her semis match against Lina Tsukagoshi with a 5-4, 5-4 victory who advanced to the Final Four after getting a bye.



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Hannah Chae, right, and runner-up Jeong Bin Park pose for a photo following the 2021 SIS Student Council Tennis Tournament last Sunday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

## BEARS

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sists, and was named the Final Four's most outstanding player.

"I knew at some point, we were up big," said Butler, who insisted his team wasn't focused on the scoreboard. "We were scoring, they weren't scoring. It was just electrifying."

Guard Davion Mitchell—nicknamed "Off Night" because so many opponents encounter one when they go against him—finished with 15 points and did the best he could on Suggs. The freshman finished with 22 points, most of them after this game was out of hand, and likely will be heading to the NBA draft next.

Gonzaga's first loss in 32 games this season—6 dating to 2019-20—leaves Indiana's 1975-76 team as the last to go undefeated.

Baylor was up 9-0 after 2 1/2 minutes, and the Bulldogs faced only their fourth double-digit deficit of the season at 11-1. They faced their biggest deficit of the season—15 points—with 7:10 gone. By

then, Suggs had two fouls and was watching from the bench.

After the game, he was crying—burying his head on the shoulder of one teammate, then another.

"He's a winner and he lost for the first time in college basketball," Zags coach Mark Few said. "He's highly competitive and doesn't like losing. In his mind, he saw us cutting down nets."

But more than anything he did in the title game, it was Suggs' memorable basket two nights earlier that laid the groundwork for Gonzaga in this one. His bank shot at the buzzer vs. UCLA capped one of the most riveting college basketball games ever. Back on the floor about 46 hours after that emotional roller coaster, it was clear the Zags were gassed.

The sequence that best illustrated the energy gap came about six minutes into the contest when Baylor's Jonathan Tchamwa Tchatchoua slapped the ball out of Drew Timme's hands and the Bears worked the ball ahead to Mitchell. He

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Due to the pandemic, the championships, that is usually scheduled for May every year, was postponed. Northern Marianas Athletics used to hold qualifying events in March and April and schedule the championships in May.



missed a layup, but Tchamwa Tchatchoua got the offensive rebound and fed Adam Flagler for a 3.

Gonzaga was practically just standing there for it all.

Few, now 0-2 in title games, gave full credit to Baylor, and didn't blame his own team's fatigue.

"Obviously, it's a tough turnaround, but it was more just the aggressiveness and athleticism of Baylor," Few said. "They deserved it. Quite frankly, they were terrific."

Gonzaga briefly pulled within nine early in the second half, and saw a glimmer of hope when Tchamwa Tchatchoua joined another Baylor big man, Flo Thamba, on the bench with four fouls.

But Baylor answered with a 9-2 run punctuated by Mark Vital's rejection of Kispert, then a fast break that led to an easy 3 from Flagler.

After that, it was over. Yes, Gonzaga might have been the year's most watchable team with its dramatic run at perfection, to say nothing of the shot of the tournament.

## All schools track meet returns

Finally, over a year later, the event will kick start on April 13 starting with the elementary school division qualifiers.

Qualifiers are divided into the elementary division (U7, U9, and U11 age group), middle school (U14), and high school (U18). The elementary group competes in the 60m, 100, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1,500m, and 4x100m relays runs, long jump, and softball throw, while middle and high school participants do the same run races plus the 3,000m, 4x100m and 4x400m relays, long jump, and discuss, javelin, and shot put throws.

Competing in the elementary division qualifiers are San Vicente Elementary School, William S. Reyes Elementary School, Grace Christian Academy, Mount Carmel School, Seventh Day Adventist, Saipan International School, Agape Christian School, Brilliant Star School, Gregorio T. Camacho, Garapan Elementary School,



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Oleai Elementary School, Kolberville Elementary School, and Saipan Community School.

Saipan student-athletes vie for slots in the May tournament, while Rota and Tinian are given outright berths in the finale.

The All Schools meet is NMA's grassroots program and has produced talented athletes who represented the

CNMI in international tournaments, such as the World Championships and the Oceania Area Championships.

The event has also served as a training ground for young athletes wanting to don the Commonwealth colors in regional competitions like the Micronesian Games and Micronesian Championships.

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of times, we couldn't ever get consecutive stops to kind of close some gaps. Then we didn't help ourselves—we turned the ball over, we missed free throws."

Gonzaga (31-1) shot 51% but finished with a season-low 70 points after averaging a national-best 91.6 points. Beyond those numbers, though, was the simple fact that the Zags seemed to be struggling to bring everything together in response to a Bears team that tore through Houston in the national semifinals then came

out on the attack.

The offense struggled to get clean looks early or make 3-pointers. A reliable defense couldn't slow the Bears' 3-point shooting. The Bulldogs couldn't keep Baylor off the glass and kept committing turnovers, some just by bobbling the ball away on their own.

By midway through the first half, Gonzaga had improbably found itself down 19.

"They're just not letting you do the things you normally do," Kispert said. "I'm so used to kind of if that happens, we take that punch and move on and kind of get on with the

game and fight back really a lot quicker than we did. I'm kind of used to that reaction time being a little quicker."

Suggs, the star freshman and top NBA draft prospect, had etched his name into tournament lore by banking home a running shot from just across halfcourt to beat UCLA in overtime in an electric national semifinal Saturday night. He opened this game with a missed 3-pointer and then an immediate offensive foul when he ran over a defender.

Minutes later, he took a seat after picking up his second foul as the Bears jumped all over the Zags for a 9-0 lead.





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## BAYLOR BEATDOWN:

# Bears win title, hang 86-70 loss on Gonzaga

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—There was another team out there that was marching through the season undefeated, that looked unstoppable at times, that had all arrows pointing toward a national title.

COVID-19 put a halt to the undefeated dream. Nothing could stop Baylor from cutting down the nets.

Not even Gonzaga.

The freshman obliterated wobbly-legged Gonzaga's march to its own undefeated season Monday night. It was an 86-70 runaway that brought this once-downtrodden program's first national title back home to Waco, Texas.

Jared Butler scored 22 points and MaCio Teague had 19 for the Bears (28-2), who were ranked second or third in the AP poll all year long. But never first. That was because of one team and maybe,

just maybe, because of a three-week break that put a halt to a 17-0 start and sapped some of Baylor's burgeoning momentum.

"Prior to COVID, us and Gonzaga were on the track to being undefeated," coach Scott Drew reminded everyone in the socially distanced arena, during a TV interview, while brushing off confetti.

So maybe this blowout in one of the most-anticipated finals in memory—a meeting between teams whose own regular-season matchup in December was scrapped because of a coronavirus outbreak—shouldn't come as such a shock.



The two losses that came after Baylor's COVID-19 break in February felt like a far-off memory come March. Then came April, and the feeling grew even stronger.

Baylor outscored all six of its opponents in the tour-

namment by an average of 15 points. It beat Houston by 19 in the semifinal. Less than 5 minutes into the final, the Bears were ahead of Gonzaga by double digits.

Pounding the offensive glass — Baylor won that bat-

Baylor players and coaches celebrate after the championship game against Gonzaga in the men's Final Four NCAA college basketball tournament, Monday, April 5, 2021, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. Baylor won 86-70.

## Gonzaga's pursuit of perfection ends in out-of-synch showing

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Corey Kispert greeted his coach with a hug on the sideline as he checked out for the last time, then soon wrapped his

arms around Jalen Suggs as his teammate broke down in tears.

Disbelief and reality had set in: Gonzaga's push for perfection had fallen short, stopped by an aggressive Baylor team that never let the Bulldogs find the often seam-

less execution that had carried them all season.

The Bulldogs—who had seemingly had everything clicking from the season's opening tip—ended the season with an out-of-synch and disjointed showing in Mon-

day night's 86-70 loss to the Bears in the NCAA championship game.

Gone was their shot at becoming the first unbeaten national champion since Indiana in 1976, as well as the program's push for that breakthrough first title.

"You try to do everything within your power to flip the switch," coach Mark Few said. "But yeah, it was tough. When they're consistently just more aggressive on both ends, it was hard to generate rhythm. We'd score a couple

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tle 16-5 — and winning the lion's share of the 50-50 balls, the Bears weren't about to let this one come down to a Jalen Suggs miracle. The Gonzaga freshman's buzzer-beater from near the half-court logo got the Zags to the final in a game that stood as their first true test of the season.

They passed against UCLA. Against Baylor? Not even close.

"When you come against a team that's just firing on all cylinders for 40 minutes, it's kind of hard to compete with," Zags forward Corey Kispert said.

After running to a 19-point lead early, the Bears never let Gonzaga get any closer than nine. Butler made four 3-pointers and added seven as-

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Baylor forward Jonathan Tchamwa Tchatchoua (23) dunks the ball against Gonzaga during the second half of the championship game in the men's Final Four NCAA college basketball tournament, Monday, April 5, 2021, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.